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Furious Major retaliates against beef ban

British pledge to paralyse EU

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR triggered Britain's biggest confrontation with Europe yesterday when, furious and feeling betrayed over its refusal to ease its beef ban, he declared that he was blocking all important progress in the European Union until further notice.

The Prime Minister delighted Tory MPs by announcing that until the ban on beef byproducts was lifted and there was a clear "framework" for raising the wider embargo, he would veto all key EU decisions, stop any progress at the intergovernmental conference on the future of Europe, and disrupt next month's Florence summit.

His pledge to paralyse EU business came after he accused some of Britain's partners of a breach of faith in voting against the relaxing of the ban on Monday after giving indications of support.

The first affect of the new policy will be that Britain will maintain its opposition — which it had been ready to drop — to Europol, the embryo European police force. A new convention on insolvency procedures, due to be sealed this week, will also be blocked. Britain will also raise the beef ban at all meetings of European ministers, including those on unrelated issues such as social affairs and transport.

EU officials accused Mr Major of acting for domestic electoral reasons, but said his move could cause havoc. The Brussels Commission, which supports the lifting of the byproducts ban, showed its disapproval in a statement saying: "It is a problem for the whole of the European Union and a solution can only be achieved through the proper functioning of the Union's institutions and procedures."

German Radio described Mr Major's threat as "outright blackmail", but the Foreign Minister, Klaus Kinkel, took a milder line. "There is no doubt that Great Britain has been greatly affected," he said. "We have not yet reached a decision that would be satisfactory for Great Britain. We must continue to make efforts to do so."

The unexpected refusal of the veterinary experts to ease the ban on tallow, gelatin and bull semen left Mr Major feeling deeply let-down and spurred him to activate a contingency plan that had been discussed by Cabinet ministers for the past three weeks. The decision was taken yesterday morning in consultation with Malcolm Rifkind, Kenneth Clarke and others.

Last night he told friends that, time and again, his European partners had not kept their promises. He had "gone through Merry Hell to keep this Europe show on the road" but his partners had done nothing to help him.

His action left his party unusually united, although a number of pro-European backbenchers were privately voicing reservations. Most Tory MPs cheered wildly as the Prime Minister announced that he was doing what many have been urging for weeks. Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, said last night that he was delighted that the Prime Minister was taking such a firm line.

Mr Major also appeared to catch Labour wrong-footed, with Tony Blair asking a series of questions rather than condemning or supporting the move. But Paddy Ashdown said that the Eurosceptic minority had taken control of foreign policy: "This has much more to do with appeasing them than with restoring confidence in the beef market."

The Prime Minister said that he was acting because the best scientific advice had been ignored "by a number of member states, in some cases despite prior assurances of support" — believed to be a sideswipe at Austria and Spain, who helped Germany to block progress in Brussels on Monday. "I regard such action as a wilful disregard of Britain's interests and, in some cases, a breach of faith. I cannot tolerate these interests being brushed aside by some of our European partners with no reasonable grounds to do so."

Mr Major went on to say that he was acting with reluctance, but he saw no alternative. "The European Union operates through goodwill. If we do not benefit from goodwill from partners, clearly we cannot reciprocate. We cannot continue business as usual within Europe when we are faced with this clear disregard by some of our partners of reason, commonsense and Britain's national interests."

Downing Street sources declined to see Mr Major's announcement as as "retaliatory action" and said it was not being done out of bloody-mindedness, but to defend the national interest.

Mr Major made plain that had no intention of boycotting EU meetings. Ministers would be there and arguing for the end of the beef ban wherever possible.

Government sources later made plain that ministers would not allow any decisions, even provisional ones, to be made at the intergovernmental conference. If it went ahead on issues without Britain, it would reopen them when the period of non-cooperation was over.

"No, I've got absolutely no idea what the time is"

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SIMON WALKER

Vijay Negi, seven, who suffers from a rare blood condition and is one of two children to receive umbilical-cord cell transplants, recovering at London's Great Ormond Street Hospital yesterday. The second child had been dying of leukaemia. Story, page 3

MPs say lottery should give more to charity

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE National Lottery regulator should be stripped of some powers and the organiser Camelot should give more money to charity, MPs demanded yesterday.

A Commons report called on the National Heritage Secretary to review rules under which Oflot, the regulator, appoints as well as supervises the company running the lottery.

The report by a Conservative-dominated committee says that there is a risk of "conflict of interest" if Peter Davis, as Oflot's director-general, has responsibility for choosing and supervising the operator.

MPs voiced fears that Mr Davis had a unique role among regulators in appointing the operator and regulating its work.

"We therefore believe that the appointment of the same organisation to choose the operator and regulate its activities could give rise to conflicts or interest."

The cross-party National Heritage Select Committee pressed the National Heritage Secretary to review the role of Oflot before the lottery licence *comes up for renewal in 2001*.

The Commons report also called for Camelot to hand over more of its profits to charities and criticised as "unacceptable" Camelot's decision to charge for the exclusive live television rights to broadcast the results of the weekly draw.

Oflot said last night it would not comment until it had considered the proposals more closely, but insiders said that the "common interest" with Camelot in maximising proceeds was secondary to ensuring probity and protecting players' interests.

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Search for Land Rover

Detectives seeking the killer of Stephen Cameron in a "road rage" attack on a Kent roundabout are prepared to interview hundreds of Land Rover drivers. Officers are using the police national computer to try to find a match for the L-registration Land Rover Discovery and have already begun interviewing owners, in the Swanley area where the victim lived..... Page 6

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Two Tory MPs resigned last night as ministerial aides after voting against government plans to prevent groups with more than 20 per cent of national newspaper circulation bidding for independent television stations..... Page 11

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Cancer drug creates instant millionaires

BY ERIC REGULY

DIRECTORS and employees of a little-known pharmaceutical company made their fortunes yesterday after positive clinical results from a new cancer drug swept their firm into the big league.

The drug, called Marimastat, is designed to slow the spread of tumours in a broad range of cancers — and it is that versatility that is expected to be the secret of success.

Shares in British Biotech, which has yet to make a profit, rose yesterday by 285p to £33.15, valuing the company at almost £2 billion. The rise comes on top of a 185p gain on Monday and leaves the firm on the verge of becoming one of the top 100 companies on the London Stock Exchange.

Almost all of Biotech's 350 employees, from lab assistants to research scientists, were given options last November to buy shares at £8.32 apiece. And the soaring share price has made millionaires of up to 20 of them.

Keith McCullagh, one of the founders who is now chief executive, has seen his basic stake rise to £27.2 million from £3.3 million in February last year. James Noble, the finance director, is currently sitting on a stake valued at about £7 million.

The success of Marimastat in the so-called Phase 2 trials means that the drug can now proceed to the final stage of testing, which gives it more than a 60 per cent chance of being marketed commercially.

Analysts believe the drug has particular profit potential because it can be used to treat so many different kinds of cancer, including lung, pancreatic, ovarian, prostate and colorectal.

Shares soar, page 25

Hundreds killed in Lake Victoria ferry disaster

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

UP TO 600 people drowned yesterday when an overloaded Tanzanian ferry capsized and sank on Lake Victoria. Forty survivors were rescued from the crocodile-infested waters and 21 bodies were washed ashore. Last night officals said they had given up hope of finding more survivors.

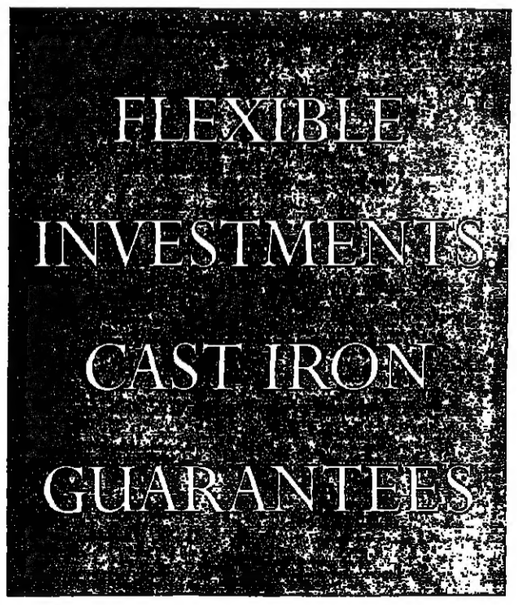
The *MV Bukoba*, one of many steel-hulled diesel ferries plying a circuit round the lake, had a legal capacity of 433 passengers, but officials admitted privately that she was carrying many more. She was on a regular run from Bukoba in Tanzania and went down at 8.10am when five miles short of Mwanza.

Previous ferry accidents on the lake have usually involved poorly maintained vessels caught in tropical storms at this time of year, the rainy season, when 20ft waves are common. This was the worst disaster yet and it is unlikely there will be more survivors as most passengers were sitting in the hold. Some reports claimed she hit a rock and then capsized as two other ferries rushed to her aid. All 40 survivors were injured.

The lake's ferries are rarely used by tourists but are crammed with local people trading farm produce and fish. They also carry livestock and, in some cases, railway carriages are loaded, steamed across the lake and lifted back on to railway tracks to continue their journey.

Besides unpredictable weather, the lake is now plagued with another hazard for ships — a South American water hyacinth that has created impenetrable floating islands up to a mile square.

The *Bukoba* went down five miles from the shore



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Lord King's coffee grounds the BA racketeers

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
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THE small bag of coffee Lord King of Wartnaby's chauffeur bought from a Grantham market stall seemed like a genuine bargain — until he saw from the logo printed on the bottom.

The British Airways president instantly recognised his airline's coat of arms on the foil bag and immediately contacted BA security officers. They told him that they were already getting reports of other BA goods turning up in car boot sales, corner shops and market stalls all over the country.

The evidence produced by Lord King and his driver proved crucial in tracking down the gang, and six men have been charged with theft. They will appear in court soon.

The coffee, together with other goods ranging from sweets to miniature bottles of drinks should have been used by BA on its international flights. But they seemed to be disappearing from delivery trucks.

Another group of thieves were apparently systematically taking drink, cigarettes and perfume from duty-free trolleys until "candid cameras" hidden inside the trolleys led to the arrest of almost 30 loaders, who will also appear in court soon.

The loaders had, it is alleged, been stealing duty free goods worth around £1 million as the trolleys were loaded and unloaded from aircraft. Possibly using duplicate keys the gang had found a way of opening the trolleys once the air hostesses had sealed them. The only way of identifying the culprits was to install hidden cameras and tape recorders in the trolleys.

As a result, more than 100 Metropolitan police officers made a series of raids on suspects' homes and offices.

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King John summons up the blood (and gelatin)

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

FORGET Trafalgar. Forget Waterloo. Soon a new name will head the roll-call of famous British victories. Florence. In tomorrow's schools, children will learn how justice triumphed and the wicked were confounded at the Battle of Florence.

Or so the Prime Minister seemed to promise yesterday.

That he is not by temperament suited to the role of Henry V on St Crispian's day made John Major's amiable intransigence the more shocking. His statement was delivered in a manner more tetchy than defiant. Only the surprised yelps of "Oh!" and the rising bark of "Hear, hear!" from the benches behind him betrayed the astonishing nature of his text. Only a near-panicky shuffling of papers and scribbling of notes by Tony Blair showed the ambush in which the Opposition seemed caught.

If Major's tone was unheroic, his subject was even less so. "God for Harry, England and St George!" has a ring. "God for tallow, semen, gelatin!" lacks it.

Nor had Major's supporting cast quite the sinew Shakespeare demands. Required to imitate the action of the tiger, Nicholas Winterton (C, Macclesfield) imitated the action more of the turkey. Pink with emotion, he burst out: "My Rt Hon Friend has spoken for Britain!"

Sir Patrick Cormack (C, Staffordshire S), straining like a (portly) greyhound in the slips, disguised fair nature with hard-favour'd rage, and, summoning up the blood, pledged "strong support". How those Gucci shoes will stand up to the gore of the Florentine field remains to be seen. As for Bill Cash (C, Stafford), the sight of this anti-European warrior briefly flustered as Major outflanked him on the Right was delicious.

Cash's hesitation did not last. Never one to be knowingly out-xenophobed, he suggested that Major should now default on Britain's payments to the European Union. Major refused. Nobody cheered Cash. The PM had positioned himself shrewdly. This was clear from the unanimous support he received from his own side. Edwina Currie, remembering Nanny's advice that if you can't think of anything nice to say then say nothing, had sidled from the Chamber, looking positively queasy.

Sir Peter Tapsell (C, Lindsey E) teetered between the patriotic and the preposterous when he spoke of a "national crisis" in which the Opposition were "incapable of speaking for Britain", but he struck a nerve. They were all over the place. Paddy Ashdown stumbled unhappily in announcing that "there are now abattoirs all across the country who have been ringing me and my colleagues up ...". Hilarity drowned him. "After that," smiled Major, "I can only say that if abattoirs are ringing the Rt Hon Gentleman up, I daresay they are soliciting for custom."

Mr Blair seemed flummoxed. Retreating into recrimination, he never responded to the thrust of the PM's statement. The closest he came to a proposal was for "a massive information and propaganda exercise" to change European attitudes towards British beef. Whether through a saturation leaflet-drop by the RAF or the jamming of continental radio broadasts with a repeating "Buy our beef" jingle, he did not say.

And was it wise to criticise Major's announcement thus: "The language is strong but there is an absence of particulars"? A score of Tory fingers pointed, amid hoots, at Mr Blair.

Would the Prime Minister adopt a policy of "the empty chair" in Europe, asked Blair? Yesterday's performance left some with the impression the Labour leader might not need to vacate a chair to leave it empty.

'Britain is a big player and not to be pushed around'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

A MEETING between John Major and Kenneth Clarke, the Cabinet's leading pro-European, at 11am yesterday was crucial to the Prime Minister's dramatic announcement four hours later that Britain was effectively freezing relations with the European Union.

Cabinet ministers had been aware for about three weeks that the policy of non-co-operation in the EU was the one most likely to be adopted if the Government's hopes, repeatedly expressed, of a breakthrough on the beef ban were not realised.

A study by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, which was finalised last week, concluded that that all the other measures being canvassed by Tory Eurosceptics — including retaliatory trade bans, withholding Britain's payments to the EU, or even going for De Gaulle's "empty chair" policy of not turning up to meetings — would either be illegal or counter-productive.

Neither was there great enthusiasm for the policy announced yesterday of blocking progress on all business. According to Whitehall sources, the full Cabinet discussed the options on several occasions. But the decision to go for broke yesterday was the Prime Minister's. He told colleagues: "Enough is enough."

With Conservative MPs baying for action, he was well aware that the failure of veterinary experts to lift even partially the ban on beef on Monday night would be seen as yet another kick in the teeth. According to a friend: "He knew that Douglas Hogg (the Agriculture Minister) would be torn limb from limb if he merely told us that it was unfortunate but that he was still trying and that, yes, the ban would soon be lifted."

So at 8am yesterday he had a "conference" telephone call with Mr Hogg, who was in Brussels preparing for another farm ministers' meeting, and Mr Rifkind who was in Strasbourg. It was agreed to go ahead with a plan that would almost certainly never have been unwrapped had the veterinary experts come to a different decision.

It was, according to sources close to Mr Major, a decision taken "more in sorrow than anger". But he was also said to be genuinely upset at the way Britain had been treated. "He felt that a lot of people were letting him down — saying one thing, doing another." He told one friend: "I have been through merry Hell to keep this Europe show on the road. I have shown good faith to them. They have done nothing to help me."

He was particularly irritated at the behaviour of Spain, Portugal and The Netherlands, who had indicated they would support a lifting of the ban but changed their minds at the last moment. He told another friend: "Britain is being pushed around and I am not having the country treated like this. We are a big player."

The Prime Minister first had to confirm that Mr Clarke was on side. He had every reason to believe that he would be. The Chancellor apparently accepted during extensive correspondence that such action might eventually have to be taken.

But Mr Major had to be sure. He would not have been able to announce the plan for a single currency referendum early in April without Mr Clarke's backing. Throughout the beef dispute Mr Clarke, along with Michael Heseltine, the Cabinet's other big Euro enthusiast, have been constantly arguing for negotiation rather than retaliation.

However, according to his friends Mr Clarke did not put up a fight yesterday. He was reported reluctantly to have accepted that the rejection of the lifting of the ban, particularly after some countries had indicated to Britain that they would be voting to help Britain, could not go without a response. He accepted that the diplomatic avenues had been exhausted. The attraction of the blocking option was that it was not illegal, said friends. "The Chancellor would not have backed any action that was illegal," said a source close to Mr Clarke. "He accepted, with regret, that this was the only course open."

After Mr Clarke was firmly on board Mr Major then made sure that everyone else in the Cabinet knew what he was doing. Mr Rifkind arrived at Heathrow at 12.30pm and the two spoke again on the telephone. The Foreign Secretary then sped to Downing Street for another chat with the Prime Minister. Mr Heseltine was informed in China. All other Cabinet ministers and the Attorney-General were informed.

Mr Major's move has changed the mood among Tory MPs. One said: "Whether it gets the ban lifted or not, I don't know, but at last we're doing something."

John Major in the Commons yesterday. He was said to have made his decision "more in sorrow than anger"

Nuisance tactics will delay, rather than paralyse, EU business

*John Major has rejected the most drastic means of retaliation against Britain's partners. He appears to be wanting to create a drama without triggering a crisis, writes **George Brock**, European Editor*

JOHN MAJOR has chosen to make Britain a nuisance in the committee rooms and corridors of the European Union rather than to start guerrilla warfare: if his threat not to co-operate with EU decisions is carried out, British ministers and officials will delay, rather than paralyse, EU business.

The Prime Minister has rejected three more drastic options with which he could have faced his partners: refusing to obey EU law, stopping British payments to its budget or leaving an "empty chair" in meetings. His intention appears to be generate a drama without triggering the sort of crisis that would call Britain's membership into question.

Mr Major has uttered his threat during one of the EU's fallow periods. The rotating presidency is held by Italy, whose stewardship of the vast network of committees and councils has been hobbled by a recent general election and change of government. The inter-governmental conference to revise the Maastricht treaty has only just begun work and the real horse-trading is unlikely to start until at least the autumn.

The statement to the House of Commons yesterday left British ministers and officials some margin to choose which business they might disrupt by refusing to agree decisions. Technically, every joint foreign policy initiative taken by the EU must be agreed by all states.

Britain could halt the ceaseless flow of brief Brussels communiqués which express unexceptional opinions on global events ranging from elections in Palestine to riots in Peru. Decisions on diplomatic missions by the Irish, Italian and Spanish ministers who currently represent the EU abroad must be made by unanimity, so non-cooperation by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, could keep them at home.

If non-cooperation begins immediately, its first test will occur at one of the least important gatherings of ministers, the Civil Protection Council, usually attended by a Home Office Minister. All the council's business is settled by unanimity and tomorrow's meeting could be prevented from taking any decisions at all. The leader of the Cabinet hawks, Michael Howard, is due in Luxembourg early next month for a meeting with a 23-item agenda. Each item needs unanimity and is theoretically vulnerable.

The crunch for Mr Major's hopes of effective troublemaking would come at the regular summer summit in Florence on June 21 and 22. EU summits usually issue long written "conclusions", which then guide policies for months or years to come. The 14 other governments could reach and write decisions but they could not have the force of summit guidelines. Non-cooperation would delay yet further the implementation of the Europol agreement on police co-operation. Britain derailed the scheme last summer over a dispute on the power of the European Court of Justice.

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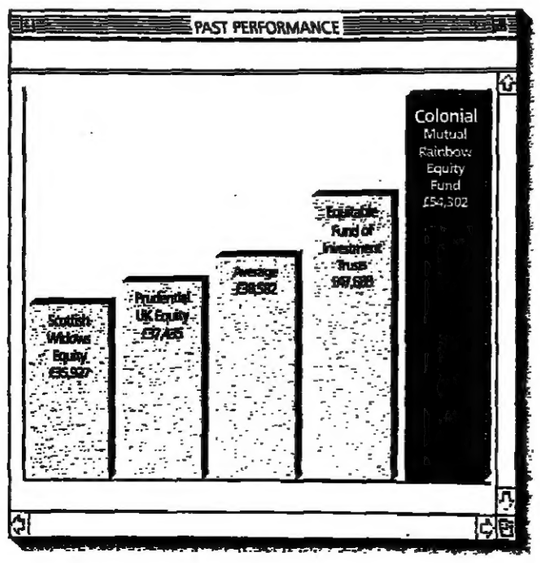

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Hard line will 'damage prospects for progress'

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

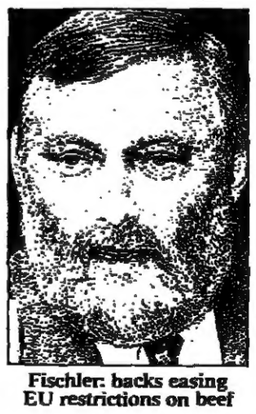
The European Commission voiced dismay yesterday over Britain's threat to obstruct EU business and suggested this would only complicate its own attempts to persuade member states to start lifting the ban on beef products.

Officials said talk of British retaliation was only likely to harden attitudes in Germany and the other six member states which on Monday blocked moves to ease the ban on beef products. "Perhaps John Major wants to crank up the pressure, but there's a danger he will upset the progress we are already making," an official said.

In a formal reaction, the Commission said the beef problem affected all member states and not just Britain. "It is therefore a problem for the whole of the European Union and a solution can only be achieved through the proper functioning of the Union's institutions and procedures which is in all Member states' interests to safeguard."

The Commission is due today to endorse a new attempt to win over reluctant states at a farm ministers' meeting on June 3 in favour of a partial lifting of the ban. But there was no support for agreeing a timetable for lifting the overall quarantine on British beef.

Franz Fischler, the EU Farm Commissioner, who is leading the drive to ease the ban, said "the Commission is doing everything in its power to try to convince the member states that our approach is the correct one." It was vital, however, he said, for Britain to help win back consumer confidence by being seen to comply with its commitments on eradicating BSE.



Fischler: backs easing EU restrictions on beef

The strength of Mr Major's ultimatum sparked some alarm over in the EU's institutions. No state since Charles de Gaulle's France in 1965 has undertaken a policy of total obstruction.

EU insiders questioned the likely effectiveness of a British non-cooperation drive beyond mild disruption. The Intergovernmental Conference, the Maastricht treaty review which Mr Major cited as a possible target, still has a year to run, with no hard decisions expected for months.

More serious is the prospect that the Florence EU summit in late June could be held hostage. Among targets for blockage is Europol, the embryo European police agency which has already been held up for a year over British objections.

British spoiling tactics could also rob the summit of planned endorsements of a progress report on the IGC and of a framework agreement on aspects of monetary union. At a more routine level of EU business, Britain is expected to start this week by refusing to sign an EU insolvency convention, agreed six months ago, in which member states recognise one another's bankruptcy laws. Tomorrow Britain could block work at a Civil Protection Council.

The need for unanimous voting means Britain would have the power to block decisions on foreign policy, justice, immigration and asylum. On that front, the next target could be work on a common stand on racism and xenophobia early next month. Unanimous voting is also required to approve changes in taxation, in senior EU appointments and the allocation of state aid as well as the shifting of funds within the EU budget and research spending.

A victim of this could be President Jacques Santer's plan to move excess funds in the farm budget to pay for job-creating investment in transport.

Diplomats from other states were incredulous that Britain could resort to what sounded like a policy resembling the empty chair over a crisis that is widely seen in the rest of Europe to be self-inflicted.

As farm ministers left Brussels, several criticised Britain for continuing to fail to take the measures needed to begin restoring public confidence. "It's important that they don't just promise measures, but they also apply them," said Wilhelm Molterer, the Austrian minister.

While the Germans remained adamant that it was far too early to consider lifting any of the ban, Philippe Vasseur, the French minister, said France wanted to avoid alienating Britain further.

NEWS SUMMARY

One in 100 firearms requests is rejected

Police in England and Wales turned down only 1 per cent of applications for new shotgun and firearms certificates last year, according to Home Office figures yesterday. Fewer than 0.5 per cent of renewals for firearms were rejected and 200 firearms certificates were revoked.

The figures show that 1,296,000 shotguns and 409,000 firearms were legally held in England and Wales last year. Although the number of firearm certificates issued has risen for the past three years, the number of new certificates fell from 11,700 to 10,900 between 1994 and 1995.

Privacy law

A new law of privacy to protect ordinary people thrust into unsought limelight was called for by the Master of the Rolls, Sir Thomas Bingham, whose appointment as the next Lord Chief Justice is expected to be announced this week. Sir Thomas said the law should "strike only at significant infringements, such as would cause substantial distress to an ordinary, phlegmatic person".

Trimble threat

David Trimble, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, last night threatened to withdraw his crucial parliamentary support from the Government if John Major softens his stance over terrorist arms. In one of his strongest statements, Mr Trimble said that "any backsliding" would be regarded as a "fundamental breach of faith". The nine Ulster Unionists MPs could bring down the Government.

IRA jail switch

Brendan Dowd became the second IRA man to be transferred from a British prison to jail in the Irish Republic. Described at his 1976 trial as the main IRA organiser, he is serving a life sentence on three counts of attempted murder. After being sentenced, Dowd, 47, from Co Kerry, said he was responsible for bombings in Guildford and Woolwich, in which seven people died.

Annesley to retire

Sir Hugh Annesley announced that he would retire as Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in November. Sir Hugh, 56, who was appointed in 1989, said: "It has been an absolute privilege and honour to lead this fine organisation. I will never forget the deep sadness and sorrow borne by a force which has ... valiantly endured conditions far beyond the ordinary call of policing."

WPC in talks

Karen Wade, 27, the police officer who says there is near-endemic sexual harassment in the West Yorkshire force, will meet senior officers later this week to discuss her future. She is appealing against an industrial tribunal's rejection on Monday of her sexual harassment claim against three officers at Holbeck police station in Leeds. She says she wishes to resume her police career.

County doomed

Berkshire County Council's last-ditch survival effort has failed. It had appealed to the House of Lords against the Government's abolition proposals. But the Lords Appeal Committee yesterday ruled that the case would not be considered. The Government can now proceed with an order before Parliament setting out the county council's replacement by six unitary authorities.

Fish oil banned

Tesco will take all foods containing North Sea fish oil off its shelves within a year. The announcement follows a campaign against the use of fine mesh nets to catch thousands of tons of sand eels used in the manufacutre of margarine and biscuits. The eels are a vital source of food for fish and birds. Sainsbury's and the Co-Op have taken similar action.

Capp that, Andy

Andy Capp, the workshy cartoon character in the *Daily Mirror*, is the subject of a £2 million museum planned at Hartlepool, the home town of his creator Reg Smythe. The council wants National Lottery money for the project, to include a re-creation of the bar and sofa where Capp spends most of his time and audio-visual aids to bring the cartoon strip to life.

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Baby's umbilical cord could save his brother's life

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

A BOY of four who was dying of leukaemia has become the recipient of Britain's first umbilical-cord cell transplant after the birth of his baby brother.

The boy, known only as Bilal, comes from Glasgow and was born with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia, which affects 650 British children a year. The disease is extremely rare in infants under one, but is often fatal in that age group.

The transplant of stem cells from the umbilical cord of his brother Aadil was carried out by Dr Brenda Gibson, a consultant haematologist at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, in Yorkhill, Glasgow, in April. Bilal has been in remission since. Doctors say it is too early to talk of a cure.

Stem cells form the building blocks for blood, encouraging blood-cell production and duplication. Like a bone-marrow transplant, they can be used to help a leukaemia patient to produce new, uncontaminated blood. The umbilical cord is a particularly rich source of stem cells.

Shortly after Bilal's transplant, the same procedure was carried out on a second child, Vijay Negi, 7, from north London. Vijay, who suffers from Fanconi anaemia, a rare blood condition, had his operation at the Hospital for Sick Children, in Great Ormond Street, London, on April 23.

Dr Paul Veys, consultant in bone-marrow transplant at Great Ormond Street, said there was no cure for Vijay other than a stem-cell transplant. He is now making a good recovery.

The success of the two operations could have wide-ranging consequences for adults and children with leukaemia for whom no suitable bone-marrow donor can be found. The Blood Transfusion Service is in the early stages of setting up an umbilical-cord bloodbank. Unlike bone-marrow donation, which requires a general anaesthetic and can be painful, cord-cell donation is relatively easy and painless.

Dr David Grant, scientific director of the Leukaemia Research Fund, said: "This is an exciting step forward because, once perfected, this technique will mean very many more patients who require a transplant will be able to have one."

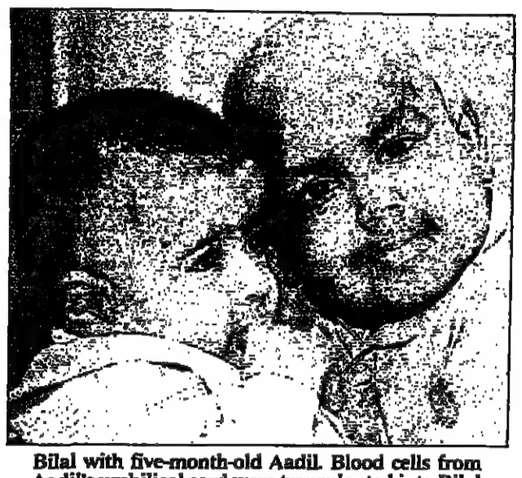
Bilal has been treated at the Royal Hospital since he was two days old. A compatible bone-marrow could not be found as most donors in Britain are of north European origin and Bilal is Asian.

Last year, when his mother was pregnant with Aadil, Bilal suffered a relapse. His mother was told that there was a one-in-four chance of blood from Aadil's umbilical cord providing a match. After Aadil was born in January, the cord was clamped and blood was drawn off by needle. It was frozen while Bilal had more chemotherapy.

The transplant, similar to a blood transfusion, was carried out on April 4 when he was in remission. The procedure took only 20 minutes.

Aadil was not conceived as a potential donor for Bilal, Dr Gibson emphasised. "Aadil was conceived for himself. He is a very much loved and wanted child, a special child."

She said that she would consider Bilal on the road to recovery if his leukaemia did not return for a year. "With this kind of leukaemia the period of remission between relapses tends to get shorter and shorter."



Bilal with five-month-old Aadil. Blood cells from Aadil's umbilical cord were transplanted into Bilal

Lifeline for the foetus is too often discarded as useless after birth

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

ALL mammals depend on the umbilical cord and placenta while they are in the womb. After birth, however, these organs have largely been treated as rubbish and incinerated.

Some placentas have been used to extract useful products, such as albumin and the active ingredient of a drug used to treat a rare condition called Gaucher's disease. But it takes one and a half tons of human placenta a month to provide sufficient material to treat a single patient.

Among a small group of New Age mothers, eating the placenta has acquired a certain vogue. The belief is that this will protect them against post-natal depression. They describe the taste as gamey, like liver.

An equally improbable use is to take the placenta home and bury it. This is supposed to bring good luck, and the plant under which it is buried may be named after the child.

Placentas are undoubtedly nutritious. Last month a inquiry opened in Switzerland into charges that placentas from Zurich maternity clinics had been mixed with animal offal and turned into food for pigs and chickens.

In the past ten years, specialists have realised that the umbilical cord contains material far too good to waste. The first transplant using umbilical blood was reported in 1989 in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, but too few such transplants have been done to be sure that the technique is an improvement on bone-marrow transplants.

In the United States, some mothers are being encouraged to retain umbilical cord blood on the off-chance that it may prove useful to their child in later life. The procedure is not cheap, costing anything from $300 to $1,500, with annual storage charges of $75 to $150.

MIKE WALKER

A batsman strides past the protected green winged orchids growing on the pitch at the Earl of Bessborough's Stansted Park cricket club in West Sussex

Orchid in outfield defies law of cricket

By Michael Hornsby

CRICKETERS are taking unusual steps to avoid treading on wild orchids. Such is the importance of the five-inch high green winged orchids that have sprung up in the outfield at the Earl of Bessborough's Stansted Park cricket club in West Sussex that a plastic cage has been placed over them to protect it from fielders' boots.

Lord Bessborough's agent, Captain John Gowen, said: "We have been told it would be impossible to move the orchid without killing it. The relationship between the orchid and the fungus upon which it feeds is so delicate that any movement could prove fatal to the flower. Apparently the roots travel 30 feet away searching for food."

The cerise-coloured blooms are growing at short mid-wicket at the pavilion end. There have been several close calls, with balls narrowly missing the plastic cage and fielders in hot pursuit just managing to step over the flower at the last moment.

The club's biggest worry if the orchids survive over the next fortnight is the possibility that they might produce other groups of flowers on the outfield that would also have to be protected. Michael Prior, the estate's head forester, said: "The conditions on the outfield are perfect for growing orchids because it has never been reseeded or sprayed with chemicals."

Louise Westlake

Hotel sued over allergy that killed

A HOTEL is being sued by the father of a woman with a rare allergy who died soon after eating bread spread with butter containing walnuts.

An inquest earlier this year recorded an accidental death verdict on Louise Westlake, 27, who died at the Hilton Hotel at Manchester Airport. Her father David, from Bristol, said yesterday that the legal action was aimed at getting hotels and restaurants to provide detailed information about the food contents of their menu.

Mr Westlake, 56, said: "It will cost us a lot of money. We are not seeking a redress but are determined to make restaurtants and cafés learn to be more responsible and state clearly where nuts are used in recipes. I just want someone to admit liability for this death."

A spokesman for Hilton Hotels would not comment yesterday.

Priest who loved peaks killed in 1,000ft fall

By Gillian Bowditch

A PRIEST who loved to pray on Scotland's mountains has fallen to his death on Skye. He was the ninth fatality on the Scottish peaks this year.

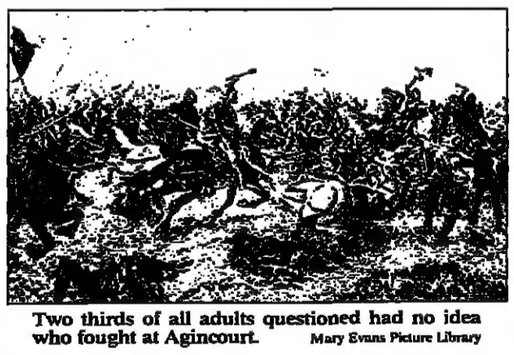
Father Norman Cooper, 41, who had recently joined St Martin's in Tranent, Lothian, was an experienced climber. He was one of a group of six priests who hoped to climb all of the Munros, Scottish mountains over 3,000ft.

Father Cooper fell about 1,000ft on Sgurr nan Gillean (Peak of the Young Men), a 3,167ft mountain in the Cuillin Hills. He was with three friends when a handhold gave way as they descended from the summit. The alarm was raised at 2.30pm on Monday and his body was recovered by helicopter that night.

His climbing partners, Father Gordon Muchall, of Dunfermline, and Father David Gemmell, who is to join St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, were not hurt.

Father Tom Connelly, a spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church, said climbing was a popular sport among young Scottish priests. "Father Cooper and his priests' support group would head for the hills at every opportunity, taking the chance to bond in prayer, often on the mountain tops," he said. "The rock gave way without warning."

"Norman was a very bright young priest. It is very sad, especially for his father in Polmont, who was widowed just a couple of years ago, and his two brothers."



Two thirds of all adults questioned had no idea who fought at Agincourt. Mary Evans Picture Library

Britons lose 1066 in the mists of time

By Alan Hamilton

A QUARTER of all adults questioned in a survey of British history did not know the significance of 1066, two thirds had no idea who fought at Agincourt and more than half did not know who was involved in the Battle of Goose Green.

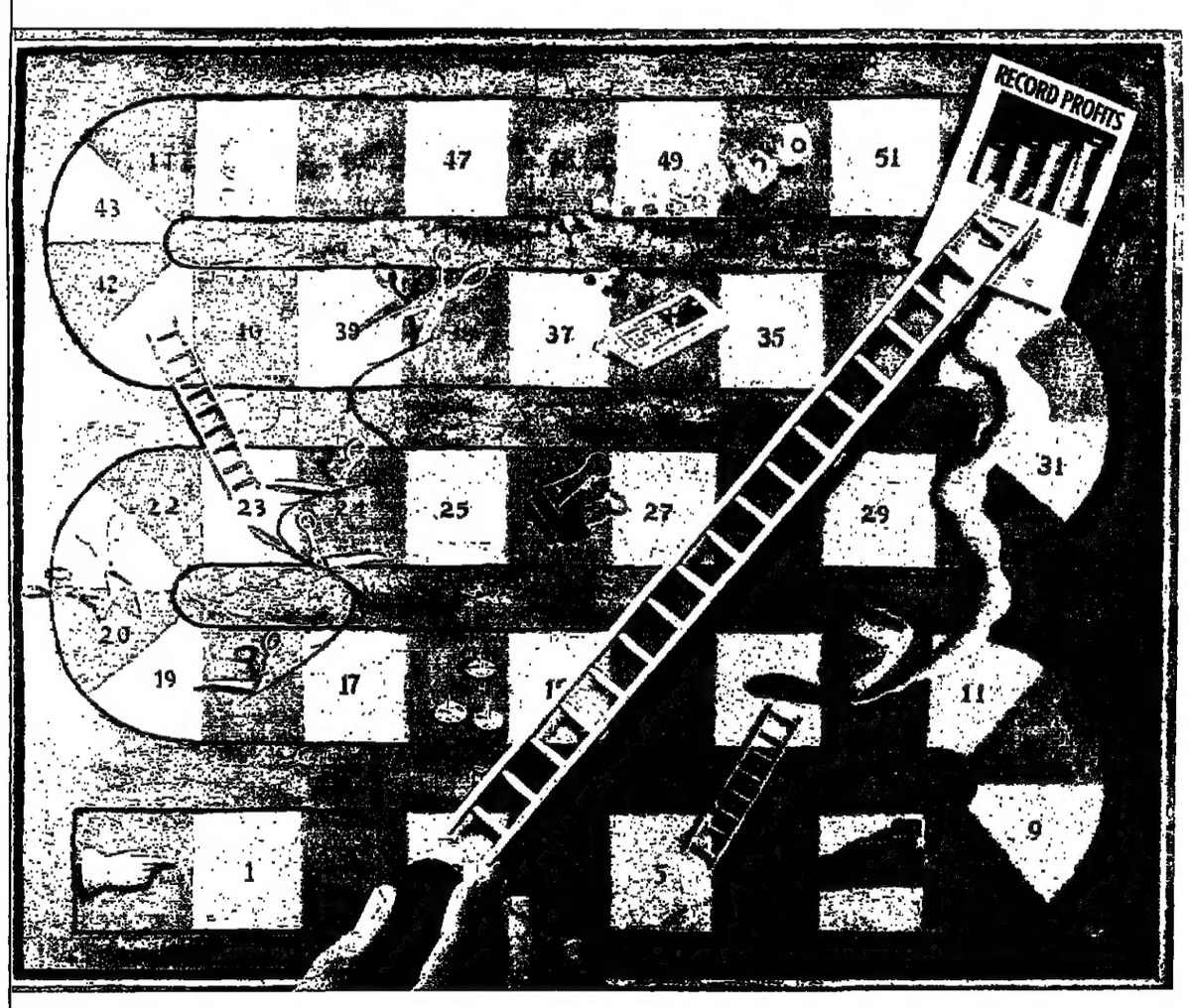
Staff at Warwick Castle put a history questionnaire to 600 people in Birmingham, Manchester and Bristol. Of those teenagers questioned in the survey, one third thought that Thomas Chippendale was a bodybuilder, and half of all those asked thought Capability Brown rose to fame as a military general.

Of all English battles, Naseby was the least known, with three quarters of those asked being unable to name either side. Half did not know who was involved in the Battle of the Somme and the same proportion had no idea who fought in the Wars of the Roses, or in the English Civil War.

Fewer than one seventh of those asked knew that the Wars of Roses had occurred in the 15th century and the Civil War in the 17th. The most recognised historical figure, known to almost all, was Sir Winston Churchill, and although most knew that Henry VIII had ordered the execution of Anne Boleyn, a mere quarter knew that Charles I was the only English monarch to be executed. Two-thirds, however, knew of Oliver Cromwell.

More than half knew that a portcullis was a strong iron gate and that a fletcher was a maker of arrows but fewer than one seventh knew that a garderobe was a medieval lavatory. The great majority knew of jousting and half knew that a motte and bailey was a design of medieval castle.

Warwick Castle commissioned the survey after staff expressed surprise at the questions asked by visitors. Sarah Montgomery, general manager of the castle, said: "We thought many of the questions we are regularly asked about British history would be general knowledge, but it is always dangerous to assume."



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Americans tempt City lawyers with £700,000 salary

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

AN ELITE band of solicitors in London is poised to join a new superleague of high earners after an advertisement by an American law firm yesterday for three partners to be paid up to £700,000 a year.

The salary is believed to be the highest advertised in legal circles and reflects American firms' eagerness to take business and staff from the big City law firms.

The advertisement in *The Times*, offering a salary of £200,000 to £700,000, was placed by the New York-based firm Chadbourne & Parke. It wants to boost its London office in the lucrative area of project and corporate finance.

A salary at the top end of that scale would put solicitors in the same league as the director of a large company or Stan Collymore, England's most expensive footballer, who earns £750,000 a year.

At least that amount is earned by a handful of the top Queen's Counsel, who include Michael Beloff, Anthony Grabiner, Peter Goldsmith, Sydney Kentridge and Jonathan Sumption, and senior partners of the biggest City firms. Some make about £1 million a year.

Top-earning City partners, however, unlike Americans, are required to reinvest a significant some of their earnings into their firm to cover liabilities such as the office lease. Also, American lawyers are paid on merit rather than on strict seniority, so they can command large salaries at a young age. The figure is likely to include a basic minimum salary, with the rest dependent on work brought in.

Michael Chambers, a legal recruitment consultant and editor of *Commercial Lawyer*, said: "The big hitters on the Wall Street firms are now getting some $1.5 million, about £1 million."

The six-figure sums are in stark contrast to the earnings of most barristers and solicitors, particularly those who undertake legal aid work. Dave McNeill, spokesman for the Law Society, said: "A quarter of solicitors earn less than senior school teachers. These kind of salaries are earned by a tiny minority, they are beyond the wildest dreams of most of the profession." About 800 sole practitioners are now earning less than £10,000 a year.

Chadbourne & Parke's advertisement, in the Legal Appointments section of *The Times*, said the "top priority is to attract extremely competent practitioners, not their clients". The firm also has offices in Washington, Los Angeles, Moscow and Hong Kong. It said it was one of the pre-eminent firms in project finance, with more than 80 projects in over 30 countries.

Martha Klein, Editor of *The Expatriate Adviser*, a magazine for American lawyers, said: "UK firms have been more aggressive than US firms in opening offices in Europe and Asia, and UK law often governs project and corporate finance deals on those continents. So global-minded American law firms want to hire UK lawyers to stay on top of the competition and they are willing to pay exorbitant prices to get them."

The previous highest advertised salary for a British lawyer was £450,000, also for a US law firm which was not identified. Earlier this year Maurice Allen, a top partner at Clifford Chance, moved to Weil Gotshal & Manges for a rumoured £500,000 a year.

Beloff: among the legal profession's top earners

'We're as popular as axe murderers'

From Quentin Letts in New York

FOR a corporate lawyer in New York, the annual pay packet of £700,000 is "not unusual", said Raoul Felder, but the downside was that you are loathed by the rest of society. "They are the biggest bandits of all and have been orchestrating the rape of America for the past century."

Mr Felder, Manhattan's leading divorce attorney, had the decency to admit that his own branch of the legal profession was even less popular than corporate lawyers — "as far as the public are concerned we fall between axe murderers and second-hand car salesmen" — but he described corporate specialists as "sharks" who in New York, at least, regularly received more than £650,000 a year when partners.

William Fry, director of HALT, a legal reform pressure group based in Washington DC, suspected that the London advertisement was a shameless bid for a "top name", perhaps someone with political contacts, or someone who would bring kudos to a new office. Premiums are also paid for lawyers who can poach business from other firms. American attorneys have a euphemism for when colleagues bring in new clients. It is called "making it rain", perhaps in tribute to the Red Indian-style dancing that occurs in a Manhattan law office when a substantial fee payer has been grabbed.

Mr Fry thought the £700,000 "high", and a match for anything paid by the top corporate law partnerships on the east coast of the United States. "Law firms here are unembarrassed about buying talent," he said. "It conveys quite the wrong impression. Law is supposed to be a profession, but it is fast becoming a business." A top 24-year-old law school graduate in the United States can expect a starting salary of at least £54,000, he added.

However, corporate law is no match for America's celebrity lawyer circuit. The likes of F. Lee Bailey, Robert Shapiro and Johnnie Cochrane, all of whom were involved in the defence of O.J. Simpson, have millions in the bank, and are able to run private aeroplanes and several houses.

JOHN ROGERS

Former members of the special forces regiment at a Carlton press conference yesterday, defying MoD anger

SAS veterans return fire on critics

By Michael Evans

THREE former members of the SAS who will feature in a televised re-enactment of their part in the 1980 storming of the Iranian Embassy yesterday defied critics who accuse them of giving away professional secrets.

Dressed in balaclavas and black clothing, they appeared at a press conference in London to promote a seven-part documentary about the SAS. Two other former SAS men who operated secretly in Northern Ireland and the Falklands were also present. One of them said: "We would give nothing away that would operationally jeopardise the effectiveness of the regiment nor the integrity of the regiment."

The men's press appearance and paid involvement in the documentary are the latest episodes in an increasingly bitter dispute between the Ministry of Defence and the special forces regiment over the disclosure of past operations. Three weeks ago Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, said that secrecy was vital because "otherwise the safety of our soldiers could be put in jeopardy and terrorists and others could have advantages they should not have". Steve Clark, controller of factual programmes for Carlton Television, maker of the documentary series which begins on May 30, said: "We have taken great care to ensure that the series does not in any way compromise the operations of the SAS or give away strategies or operational techniques of the regiment."

The MoD's legal advisers are examining ways of introducing a new contract for members of the special forces that would bind them to lifelong secrecy more effectively than clauses in the Official Secrets Act.

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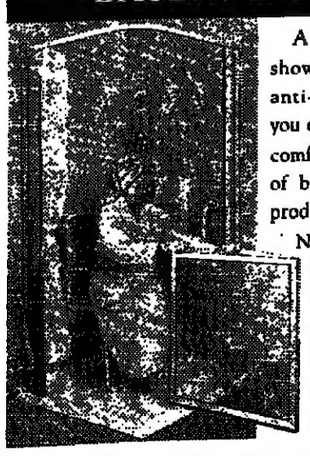

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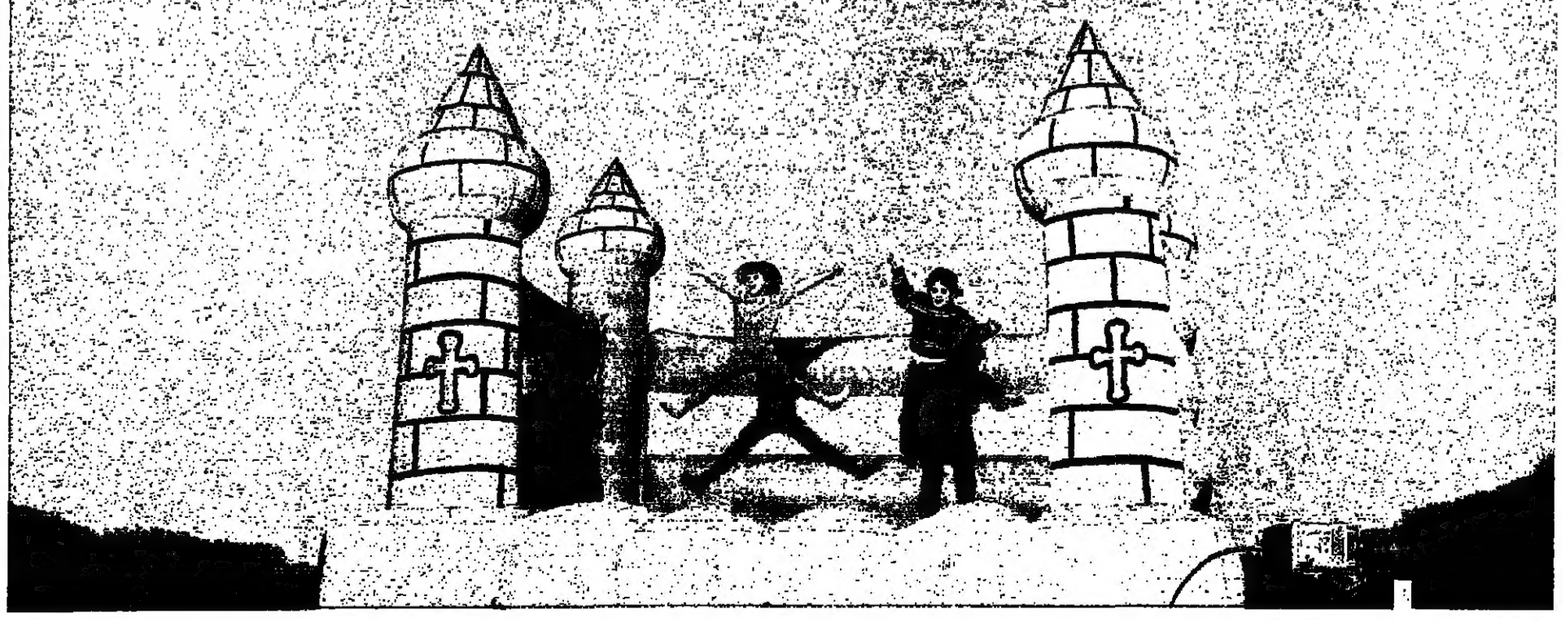

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Victim only shook his head at motorist, say police preparing to interview 1,000 Land Rover owners

Road rage killing 'unprovoked'

The E-fit picture of the man police want to trace

By Adrian Lee

A MOTORIST who was stabbed to death during a "road rage" attack did nothing to provoke his killer other than shake his head in disapproval at a poor overtaking manoeuvre, police said yesterday.

Detectives have begun interviewing owners of Land Rovers fitting the description of the vehicle driven by the man who stabbed Stephen Cameron, 21, at a roundabout near Swanley, Kent.

Kent police issued an "E-fit" an electronically created picture, of the suspect yesterday. Other Land Rover Discovery drivers have come forward to eliminate themselves from the investigation and detectives said there were fewer than 1,000 vehicles in the country that could be a match.

Other witnesses have given additional, but conflicting, registration numbers and letters, which are being fed into the police national computer.

Detective Superintendent John Grace said it now appeared there had been a scuffle before Mr Cameron was stabbed, on Sunday afternoon, and the suspect could have slight injuries or bruising. Roadside cameras have not yet provided any leads.

The killer was driving at speed around the junction when he overtook and cut in front of Mr Cameron and his fiancée, who were on their way to east London to buy bagels for family and friends.

"The only gesture that Stephen made was shaking his head," said Detective Superintendent Grace. "It was an act of resignation, the sort of thing we might all do. It is reasonable. We all see bad driving."

Michael Cameron spoke of his family's grief and that of his brother's fiancée, who has asked not to be named. Mr Cameron, 33, a photographer, said his brother was not a fighter but would protect his girlfriend. "He would put himself in the front line for anyone. He would be fearless in protecting his loved ones. He obviously saw a threat."

The dead man and his fiancée, who were engaged at Christmas, planned to marry within a year. He had just formed his own business, in electrical engineering, with a cousin.

Mr Cameron appealed for help in the murder hunt. He said: "Stephen was the gentlest, kindest soul and now he is gone."He said his brother and fiancée, a 17-year-old waitress, were devoted to each other. "She is showing strength that I find humbling. She is a support to us by her example."

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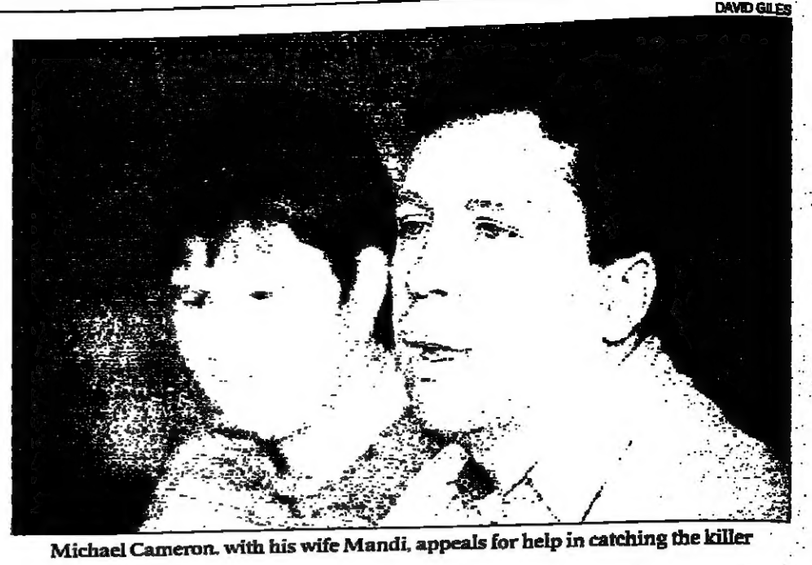

Michael Cameron, with his wife Mandi, appeals for help in catching the killer

Primitive response turns us into savages behind the steering wheel

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Editor

ROAD rage is a Stone Age reaction to 20th-century pressures that may be beyond the control of the normally placid aggressor.

The physiological and psychological processes that can turn ordinary people into ranting and sometimes violent motorists begin the moment they get into their vehicle, scientists say. Heart rate and blood pressure increase and muscle groups tense. An incident such as being cut up on a motorway creates a rush of adrenalin that helps to release aggression designed to protect — but which may trigger violence so great that not even the driver understands what he or she is doing.

Conrad King, the RAC's adviser on psychology, said yesterday that motorists were simply showing Stone Age responses. Drivers packed bumper-to-bumper on congested roads reacted in the same way as creatures in overcrowded spaces: they fought for more space and freedom, but did so from inside their cars, which they saw as a suit of armour protecting them from real injury.

Mr King said: "When people climb into their cars, they are already conditioned so that their blood pressure might rise and heart rate increase. When they are driving, they often drift on to autopilot, which is almost subconscious and does not come from the logical cortex of the brain.

"That means they are driving using the reactive part of the brain, which also governs the most basic fear and flight responses. When something happens, there is a flood of endorphins and adrenalin into the system but the driver is confined in the car so there is no chance of physiological release. They need that release and road rage seems to be the result.

"Sometimes the motorist feels outside looking in — lucid but almost dreamlike — but feels as though they cannot stop themselves from acting. The body seems to push them into this fit of rage."

Telling drivers to count to ten is probably a waste of time, but Mr King said that they should decide before starting a journey that they were going to drive sensibly and safely.

"One thing that people can do is to cut their speed. If you find you are on a motorway and getting stressed, then driving 10mph slower and telling yourself it just doesn't matter that you cannot overtake will help to change your attitude. Just relax, because criticising other drivers is the easy route to finding you are a victim of road rage."

The RAC says that drivers convicted of road rage attacks should lose their licences until they complete counselling or rehabilitation. It believes that some drivers may be unable to change behaviour until they are forced to confront the reality that they are violent.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bonham to pay costs of £20,000

The auctioneer Nicholas Bonham, who was acquitted at the Old Bailey last week of causing death by dangerous driving, was ordered yesterday to pay defence costs estimated at £20,000. Judge Collins said it would "fly in the face of common sense and ordinary justice" for the taxpayer to bear the cost of the trial. Bonham, 47, of Battersea, south London, hit Eric Franklin, 56, on a pedestrian crossing.

Venables defeat

Terry Venables, the England coach, failed to win back the main asset of Edennote, his insolvent firm. The Court of Appeal upheld an order cancelling the sale to him of Edennote's interest in a £1 million damages claim pending against Spurs.

Titles to be sold

The Marquess of Bristol, 41, who has fought a long-running battle against drugs, is selling nine of his family's lordship of the manor titles to help to pay for his new life in the Bahamas. The titles, all in Suffolk, are expected to fetch £5,000 to £10,000 each.

Oyston jury out

Jurors trying Owen Oyston on two rape charges were sent home for the night after telling Liverpool Crown Court that they had failed to reach verdicts during more than two hours of deliberations. Oyston, 62, of Lancaster, denies the charges.

Cliff fall remand

Mark Evans, 18, of Ramsgate, was remanded on bail by the town's magistrates charged with the manslaughter of Neil Harvey-Jones, 20, and Samantha Edwards, 16, both from Ramsgate. They died when the van they were in plunged down a cliff.

£1m ship fire

Repairs to the minehunter *HMS Hurworth*, which caught fire after a night exercise in the Channel on May 1, will cost up to £1 million. The ship's 18ft funnel collapsed during the blaze, which was extinguished within 20 minutes.

Walk this way

Farmers and other landowners promised to increase public access to the countryside, under the Country Landowners' Association's Access 2000 scheme. It aims to improve the quality, variety and quantity of public access in the next millennium.

Thornton: second trial

Thornton 'endured marriage torment'

SARA THORNTON, on trial for the second time for the murder of her husband, was portrayed yesterday as a mentally unstable but loving wife who endured a violent and chronically alcoholic husband. Thornton will not be giving evidence in the trial, the jury was told.

Michael Mansfield, QC, opening the case for the defence at Oxford Crown Court, said Thornton's marriage had presented a "volcanic situation". Malcolm Thornton was regularly "out for the count".

"He was a chronically alcoholic father who was barely sober," he said. He could be unpredictably volatile and would spend the couple's money with little regard for his wife and daughter Luisa. "But this is someone, other people have said very clearly in the witness box, that she loved. We get to stages where we hate who we love. It can be two sides to the same coin."

Thornton, 39, whose retrial was ordered last year by the Court of Appeal, denies murdering Mr Thornton, her second husband, by stabbing him once in the chest as he lay drunk on the sofa at their home at Atherstone, Warwickshire, on June 13, 1989.

Mr Mansfield dismissed the prosecution's claim that financial gain was Thornton's principal motive in the killing. "What is standing between him and his drink? Who has got the courage to stand between him and his drink?" he said. "He was a big man, much bigger than her. He wants his drink, who is in between? Someone has got to pick up the pieces day by day."

Mr Mansfield told the jury Thornton suffered from a "histrionic disorder", also termed "disassociation", where she separated herself from her emotions. The disorder went back to the age of 17. There were early suicide attempts and aged 22 she was treated for mental illness, he said.

The retrial continues.

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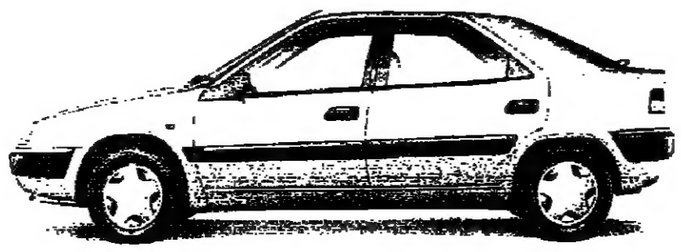

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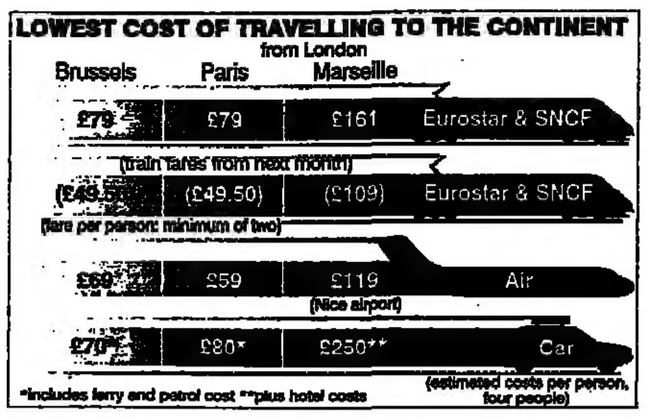
Eurostar promotes Paris for pairs at £99 return

By Jonathan Prynn
Transport Correspondent

THE struggling Eurostar service was relaunched yesterday with a package of new fares, including a £49 lowest return ticket to Paris and Brussels and a £99 service to the South of France.

The marketing blitz is backed by a £10 million advertising campaign, masterminded by Virgin Group, a member of the London & Continental Railways consortium that takes over as operator of the loss-making Eurostar from European Passenger Services (EPS) next month. Richard Branson, Virgin's chairman, pledged to double the number of passengers to six million within a year and to 30 million by the end of the century.

The summer promotions, most of which start in the middle of next month, include a £49 student fare to Paris or Brussels from London, a combined £99 fare for two people travelling together, a £49 day return from Ashford International station, and a daily direct service to Disneyland Paris, costing £198.50 for a family of four. The fares compare with a current lowest price of £79 to Paris and Brussels, although, on some special promotions, tickets are as cheap as £59 for Brussels and £69 for Paris.



There will also be cheap tickets to destinations in Germany and the South of France, involving changes at Brussels or Lille. These range from £79 return for the seven-hour journey to Cologne, £99 return for Lyon and Bordeaux, and £109 return to Marseilles, which will take ten hours from Waterloo International. The new fares represent savings of between £30 and £60 on existing tickets. In December, Eurostar will be starting direct overnight trains to the French Alps.

Ian Brooks, the new commercial director of EPS, brought in from Virgin Atlantic, said there would also be new trains to attract business customers away from the airlines. These will include one arriving in Paris in time for 10am meetings and later departures from Paris and Brussels.

Eurostar also announced that it was linking with British Midland Airways to allow business travellers to go to the Continent by train and fly back with British Midland, or vice-versa.

Future plans include better catering, video screens on seat backs and faster checking-in. Passengers at Waterloo are currently asked to check in at least 20 minutes before departure, but Mr Branson said he wanted passengers to be able to "run and catch a Eurostar just as they can any other train". Check-in time at Paris has already be cut to eight minutes.

The marketing overhaul follows Eurostar's slow first 18 months, when passenger numbers fell far below initial projections. Many of the trains run more than half empty, particularly on the Brussels route.

EPS has been heavily criticised for the marketing of the service. The company is being sold by the Government as part of the £3 billion deal with London & Continental to build the Channel Tunnel rail link. The link is expected to cut journey times to Paris by 40 minutes to two hours 20 minutes when it opens in about 2003.

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BOB COLLIER

Bishop Kelly outside Liverpool's Catholic Cathedral yesterday: appeals to both traditionalists and progressives

Liverpool greets his smiling grace Kelly

By Ruth Gledhill

THE bishop selected by the Pope to succeed the late Derek Worlock as Archbishop of Liverpool prayed for unity yesterday but admitted there was "no magic wand" to reverse the decline in church attendence.

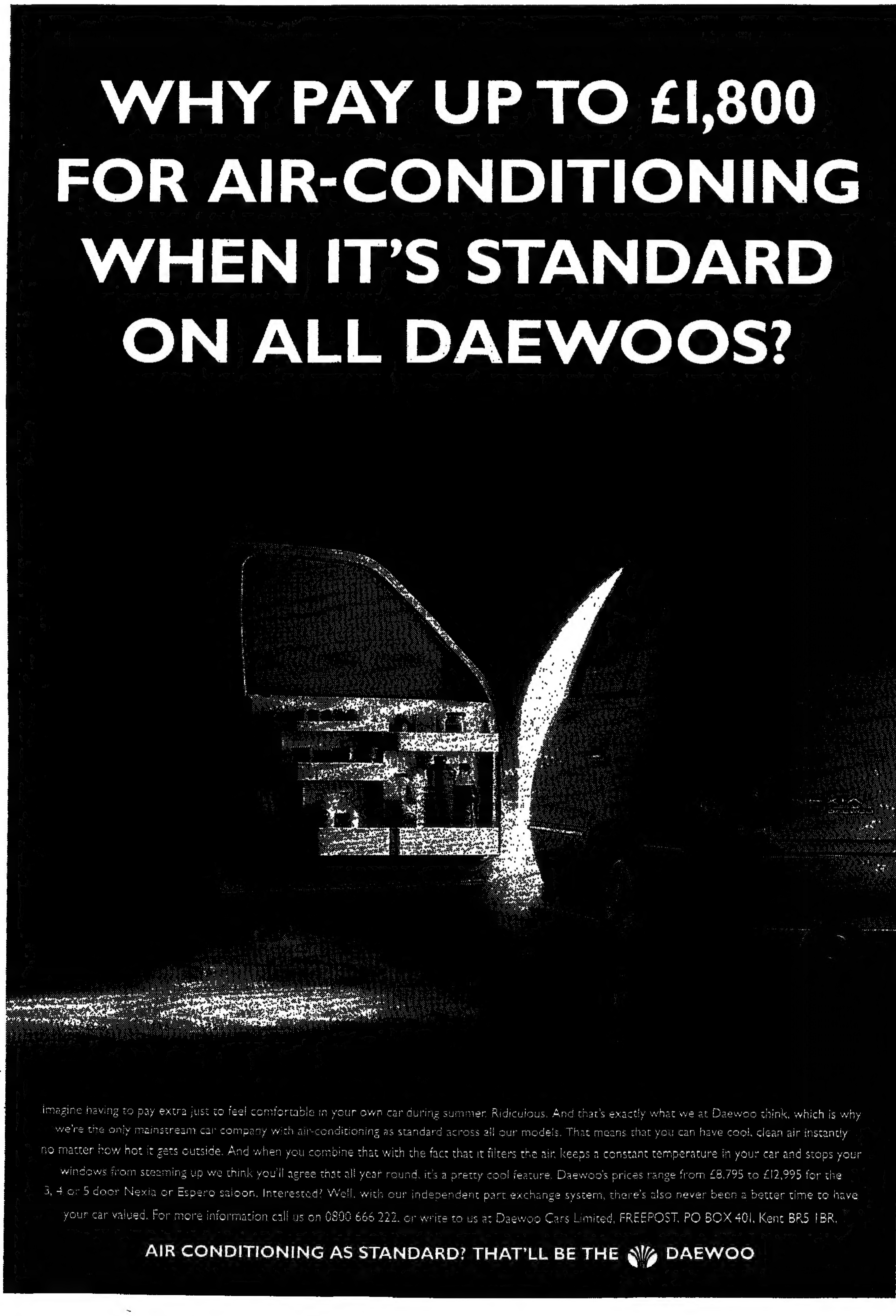
The Right Rev Patrick Kelly, Bishop of Salford, said his first Mass as Archbishop-elect in the city cathedral where he will be installed in July. The Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament was crowded.

Described as a liberal conservative, he is the most likely of the contenders for the post to appeal to traditionalists, progressives and the majority at the centre of the Church.

The Lancashire-born cleric displayed the sense of humour he will need to sustain him in Liverpool. He referred to his former co-operation with the city's Anglican bishop, the Right Rev David Sheppard, on television's Central Religious Advisory Council. "We were once together on Crac," he said. "I assure you that it is spelt without a final k." Although he made no reference to the nickname already given him by some in the diocese — "His Grace Kelly" — he is said to be privately amused.

When asked about falling national Mass attendances, he said: "Nobody has found the magic wand to wave over this." There were many related questions. "One is the pressure on people at weekends, especially on young people, who have to find employment at weekends."

In Salford, he has made a name for himself as a loving and pastoral bishop and is widely respected by clergy and laity.



Hoarse voices of wintry hangover

MEDICAL BRIEFING

ASSERTIONS that this is the latest and coldest spring since the 17th century are hard either to prove or refute. Gardens that are a month behind schedule and the length of the surgery queue seem to support the claim.

Princess Margaret is reported to be among the victims of the present wave of coughs and colds and as a result to be suffering from laryngitis. It is a common complication of winter infections but one that always causes some anxiety in a partygoing smoker.

Rules governing the correct treatment of patients complaining of hoarseness are well defined and were recently quoted in the medical journal *Update* by George Minty, a surgeon in Leicester, and Michael Mead, one of his GP colleagues.

Patients with a hoarse voice need careful questioning: how long have they had the symptom, how much do they use their voice, do they smoke and drink, and is there any suggestion of thyroid problems? A poorly acting thyroid changes the quality of the voice, or an enlarged thyroid may cause symptoms by exerting pressure on adjacent tissue. Loss of weight, a persistent cough and difficulty in swallowing all suggest a possibly more sinister cause of the problem.

Nodules and polyps commonly cause hoarseness and develop as a result of misuse, or overuse of the voice. Thus they are common in singers and sergeant-majors. Laryngitis may be viral, bacterial or fungal. Fungi are particularly likely to grow in patients using inhaled steroids for asthma.

Laryngitis is the most frequent cause of a persistently hoarse voice. The chords can even become swollen and bleed from overuse, particularly if they are also immersed in alcholic fumes rising from the stomach after a heavy evening's drinking.

Benign nodules and polyps are relatively easily treated. Smaller ones disappear if the voice is rested, larger ones may have to be removed surgically. Early cancer of the larynx responds well to radiotherapy but in more advanced cases surgery is also needed.

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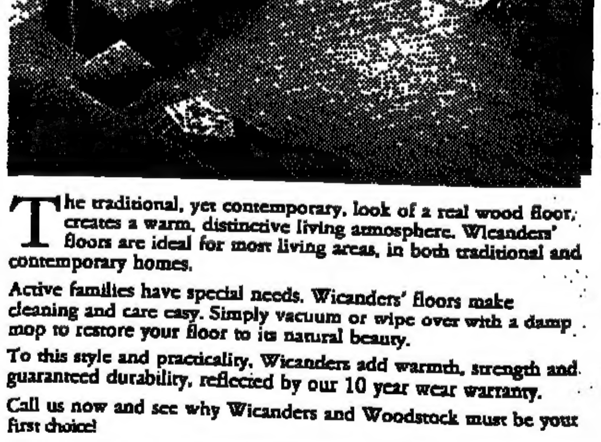

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Mother out for walk is raped in front of her two children

By Richard Duce

A TWO-year-old boy was in shock last night after he watched his mother being raped in a secluded lane by a knife-wielding attacker.

The attack on the 28-year-old woman in the village of Buckton Vale, Greater Manchester also happened in front of her six-month-daughter but the child is too young to realise what was happening. The rapist struck in broad daylight as the woman pushed a pram along the gravelled lane on Monday afternoon.

Police have warned women living near the scene of the attack, often used by people out walking their dogs, that the man could strike again. It is belived the woman was followed into the lane by her attacker who held a knife to her throat. She gave in his to his demands fearing that he could attack the children.

Detective Chief Inspector Tony Porter, of Greater Manchester police, said: "The assault lasted about five minutes but the victim is very traumatised. Any rape is terrible but particularly more so when carried out in front of two young children. The eldest child was upset immediately but only time will tell how deeply affected he is. The baby is so young she does not realise what has happened.

"There is a great danger until this man is caught. It is imperative that local woman in particular are vigilant and take care. It was remarkable that this assault should take place at a spot popular with walkers but this man was very cool during the assault.

The fact that this man could have been happened upon by others who were out walking did not seem to bother him. We believe he followed his victim until she became isolated and then attacked her from behind."

Mr Porter said the woman went to a nearby school to raise the alarm and has since had counselling. "Shortly after the attack she was calm and composed but the impact of the trauma has had time to affect her. She is in shock but has been very supportive to the police." People living locally said yesterday they would stay away from the lane, known as The Cuttings until the man has been caught.

Alan Bishop,49, said: "I have been here seven years and never known anything like it. You just do not think something like this will happen around here.

"My mother-in-law is 84 and she often goes there and people walk their dogs all day in that area. I doubt where she will dare venture up there now."

Police have described the rapist as white, between 20 and 25, 5ft 6in tall, slim with short dark hair and bushy eyebrows that meet in the middle.

He spoke with a local accent and is thought to have a squint and yellow teeth. He was wearing a camel-coloured fleecy zipped jacket, jeans, and dirty tanned walking boots with yellow top trim.

SIMON WALKER

Georgi Sviridov, Russia's best-loved composer, above right, at the Russian Embassy in London yesterday with his countryman, baritone Dmitri Hvorostorsky, who will perform Sviridov's new song cycle on Thursday

Russian composer back in London

By Robin Young

RUSSIA'S best-loved living composer arrived in London yesterday for the world premiere of his new song cycle. Georgi Sviridov, 80, was the favourite pupil of Dmitri Shostakovich, and his music is so well-loved in Russia that one theme was adopted, without permission, to introduce the equivalent of *The Nine O'Clock News*.

He was last in London in the early 1970s when his *Pathetic Oratorio* was unjustly dismissed as Communist propaganda. In fact half his music was written under cover and not performed in his homeland.

His new song cycle, dedicated to St Petersburg, has been written for Dmitri Hvorostovsky, the Russian baritone who won the Cardiff Singer of the World award in 1989. The premiere will be at the Wigmore Hall in London on Thursday, with a second performance on Sunday.

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MPs urge curbs on Camelot cash and privileges

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

WIDE-RANGING changes to the way the National Lottery is handled were demanded by MPs yesterday as they pressed for curbs on Camelot's profits and privileges. The Commons report into the lottery listed a string of recommendations to ensure more money goes to good causes and allow other organisations to compete more equally.

While the third Commons report into the lottery praised the "remarkable" transformation brought about by the lottery, MPs complained that Camelot had been allowed privileges denied to competitors in the gaming and gambling industries.

The cross-party National Heritage Select Committee drew attention to larger-than-expected profits made by Camelot — £23.6 million in the first five months — and called on the consortium to consider giving a proportion of their "additional, unanticipated, profits to charity".

Under lottery rules, if the payouts in prize money do not reach an agreed percentage of the total takings, the surplus must be paid into the distribution fund for good causes, but Camelot keeps the interest. With the surplus for the current year estimated to be £125 million, the committee said the arrangement was "not satisfactory" and that the interest — estimated to be more than £10 million — should also go to the distribution fund.

Gerald Kaufman, the committee chairman, said that MPs had deliberately not made a recommendation as to how much extra money should be given to donate to charity. "We left it imprecise, hoping that Camelot's good nature will make it as much as possible. We are looking for a substantial sum of money." A spokeswoman for Camelot said it had already donated £500,000 from profits to charities and other good causes.

The MPs also criticised the Government's refusal to allow bookmakers to run bets on the outcome of the lottery. They called for changes to the gaming and betting industries to correct the "imbalance" that had allowed the National Lottery privileges over gambling outlets. Ministers should lift curbs on betting shops and bingo hall advertising.

The committee's report said it was unacceptable that Camelot should be able to charge for the exclusive live television rights to broadcast the results of the weekly lottery draw.

MPs said that in the first 13 months of operation, lottery sales had reached £5 billion, which was far higher than originally expected. The report found the betting industry had been hit by the success of the lottery, with 2,400 of the country's 9,300 betting shops facing closure, while bingo halls were seeing a 35 per cent fall in profitability.

Bristol wins millennium cash for zoo

By Lin Jenkins

A DERELICT waterside site in Bristol is to be redeveloped with £41.3 million from the Millennium Commission to include the world's first electronic zoo. The zoo will include live exhibits alongside the latest technology which will allow people to see the animals in their real habitat at the touch of a button.

Work on the two buildings, and a bridge over the water at St Augustine's Reach, will begin in 1997 and be completed in 1999. So far £38 million has been raised from public and private sources.

The award was one of grants totalling £71 million announced yesterday by the Millennium Commission which receives 20 per cent of National Lottery proceeds until December 2000.

Chelsea rivals green with envy on award

By Robin Young

THE Chelsea Flower Show reintroduced a hardy perennial yesterday: disagreement and professional jealousy over the top prize for best garden in the show.

The award, revived this year at the Royal Horticultural Society's expense after an absence due to lack of sponsorship, has caused so much upset that the public may be called upon to judge the judges next year.

The winner was Mark Anthony Walker, of Clifton Landscape and Design, for a garden sponsored by Cartier and *Harpers & Queen* magazine. It was called "Views of an English Garden in the Spirit of Vita Sackville-West".

Two rival exhibitors said they had tipped it as the likely winner, but others were disparaging. "Very interesting, but I have seen it all before," said Stephen Woodhams, whose kitchen garden received a silver medal. "It seems only the big names with top sponsors get the top prizes," said Chris Laws, of LWL Landscaping, who won the Tudor Rose for best garden at the Hampton Court show last year. "We were very disappointed."

Graham Clarke, Editor of *Amateur Garden*, whose garden received a silver medal, said: "Every year the public reaction is entirely different from that of the judges.

"Next year we're going to invite a panel of readers to come into the show and follow the judges' route, telling us what they think the award should have been."

Sir Simon Hornby, president of the Royal Horticultural Society, said: "We take more trouble over judging the gardens than over anything else. Every year there are disgruntled people who have not received top awards and who complain."

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Mass slaughter and £1bn of government aid make little impact on beleaguered cattle trade

Industry in limbo adds up cost of global export ban

REPORTS BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

WITH the beef crisis entering its third month, the travail of Britain's cattle industry shows no sign of easing. Jobs are being destroyed and companies are going bankrupt.

In addition to the financial disaster many farmers face, up to 10,000 ancillary workers are estimated to have been laid off, put on short-time working or made redundant since the global export ban was imposed on March 27. Despite earmarking nearly £1 billion to support the industry, introducing new safeguards to protect the public and embarking on the destruction of about one million older cattle, the Government is no nearer persuading the European Union to lift its ban.

Even if Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, had succeeded this week in persuading other EU ministers to end the ban on beef by-products such as tallow, gelatine and semen, exporters would have gained little financial relief. At a generous estimate, these items earned no more than £34 million last year.

Hogg: failed to convince European partners

That compares with the beef exports worth £520 million annually that remain blocked, and the £70 million earned by the export of 450,000 calves to the Continent last year for the veal trade. Sheep exports, worth £40 million, are also at a standstill because the trade is not viable without cattle to ship with them.

As well as failing to persuade the EU that British beef can safely be imported and eaten, the Government has had little support at home for the rescue strategy it is struggling to put in place.

Even before other EU ministers had rejected as inadequate Mr Hogg's plan to cull up to 80,000 cattle, mainly dairy, considered to be at high risk of developing BSE, British farmers and vets had denounced the scheme as irrelevant and unjustified. The cull would have been in addition to the slaughter and incineration of cattle over 30 months old, which is already under way, and is designed to ensure that only those animals least likely to be incubating BSE enter the food chain.

Meanwhile, exporters who were left with unsold beef stocks worth £18 million when the ban began are aggrieved that they have had no help from the Government. The International Meat Trade Association is taking the Ministry of Agriculture to court for alleged unlawful discrimination between suppliers.

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John Cattermole laid off 22 people when the ban on head meat was imposed

Whitehall edict wrecks thriving family business

COW HEAD DE-BONERS

JOHN CATTERMOLE is one of the lesser-known victims of the crisis in the beef industry. Two months ago he had a thriving business near Coventry specialising in the removal of cheek meat from the heads of slaughtered cattle, an ingredient in a variety of meat products from pies to pâtés.

On March 28 the Government announced that cattle head meat was to be added to the list of bovine carcass parts no longer deemed safe for human consumption. Scientists had advised that brain tissue, known to be an area of BSE infection, might contaminate the rest of the head.

"Overnight a factory in which I had invested £500,000 only two years ago, taking out bank loans and a mortgage on my house, was forced out of business," he said. "I have had to get rid of the 22 people who worked there and am facing redundancy claims of up to £60,000. I owe abattoirs who supplied me with cattle heads a further £50,000 and have been left with £20,000 of unsold stock. I have put my house up for sale to try and pay off my debts." Mr Cattermole's factory processed 300,000 cattle heads a year and was one of the biggest members of the Association of Cattle Head De-Boners, representing an industry which until eight weeks ago had a turnover of £20 million a year and a workforce of 300.

Mr Cattermole, 32, has two daughters, Danielle, 10, and Lucy, 12. His wife, Joanne-Marie, does not work so the factory was the family's only source of income.

Before the ban on head meat, the Cattermole meat cutting plant on an industrial estate had an annual turnover of £1.7 million and made a net profit of £200,000. "Trying to find other work for the plant will be difficult. Operating costs are £4,000 a week so we would have to be very confident of any new business we started."

Graham Reed, the association's chairman, said: "An entire specialist industry has been shut down without warning. It is blatantly unfair that the Government has offered no compensation. It is near impossible to find other work for our plants because of overcapacity in the abattoir and meat cutting industry."

THE FARMERS

There are 40,000 dairy farmers and 70,000 beef farmers in Britain. Beef farmers with prime animals under 30 months old are suffering most. If they sell now they stand to lose up to £150 an animal, compared with what they would have been paid before the announcement on March 20 of the possible link between BSE and CJD in humans. If they hold back, there is no certainty that prices will improve. Farmers with cattle over 30 months old will at least be reasonably compensated when these animals are taken off their hands and destroyed. Payments average between £480 and £800 per animal, depending on weight and type. The cost will run to about £630 million in the first year, funded partly by the European Union. Farmers are frustrated by the slow pace at which the slaughter is proceeding. This is mainly because of the limited number of incinerators and rendering plants in which to dispose of the carcasses. No one knows how many animals over 30 months old are on farms awaiting slaughter. Estimates range from 150,000 to more than 300,000.

ABATTOIRS

Many of the initial lay-offs of staff were in abattoirs as cattle sales slumped. But abattoirs and renderers have now been given the work of culling and destroying older animals and have received a total of £228 million in government aid. Some abattoirs are still in financial trouble, however, because supermarkets will not accept beef from plants that are also involved in culling older cattle. Several of the biggest and most efficient plants have lost their export trade and need to be able to increase supermarket business and culling to be viable.

MARKETS

There are about 200 livestock markets in Britain. Auctioneers earn a commission that is fixed as a percentage of the price of every head of cattle sold. In the second week of May, the number of prime steers and heifers traded at markets was 13,497, compared with 22,247 at the same time last year. The average price was £555, against £665 a year ago. Auctioneers fear that they will lose under the scheme for culling cattle aged more than 30 months because farmers are compensated at a better rate if they send those animals direct to an abattoir.

HAULIERS

The Road Haulage Association says 5,000 lorries and 8,000 people are normally involved in transporting cattle and beef. Graham Houghton, its livestock controller, said: "The export trade has completely gone and the transport of cattle from farms to markets is 40 per cent down. Up to 70 firms have gone out of business or stopped trading." Firms are estimated to have lost £90 million of turnover. The glut of empty livestock lorries and refrigerated beef vans looking for other cargoes has forced down the rates for all haulage work by as much as 25 per cent.

EXPORTERS

Beck Foods, of Boston, Lincolnshire, is typical of the many meat-processing and packing firms affected by the BSE crisis. It did 30 per cent of its business abroad. Turnover is now down from £110 million to £75 million and it has had to lay off 200 of its 600 staff. Morris Bond, chairman and managing director, runs his own abattoir and will qualify for a share of the £110 million aid for slaughterhouses. First City Trading, in London, whose sole business is exporting beef, is not eligible for any aid. It is left with £2.75 million of unsold stocks.

RETAILERS

Beef sales fell by more than 50 per cent after March 20. The Meat and Livestock Commission says sales are now back to 94 per cent of the pre-March level. Asda puts its sales at 90 per cent of normal and last week announced it was banishing foreign beef from its shelves. But other supermarket chains, as well as the National Federation of Meat and Food Traders, representing butchers, says sales are still 20 per cent down. Demand for other meats has risen, pushing up prices by 17 per cent for lamb, 10 per cent for pork and 8 per cent for poultry.

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GP fundholders 'failing to give value for money'

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Correspondent

FEWER than one in ten GP fundholders is achieving significant benefits for patients despite the spending of more than £230 million on running the scheme, a report says today.

In the first objective evaluation of fundholding, a linchpin of the NHS reforms, the Audit Commission says that most fundholders have made few changes and are not giving value for money.

The finding is a severe blow to the Government. Ministers have pinned their faith on fundholding as the lever that would transform the NHS from a hospital-led to a GP-led service. Under the scheme family doctors have a budget from which to buy hospital care for their patients, allowing them more control over what is provided.

Labour seized on the report, describing it as a "devastating critique" of the fundholding scheme. Harriet Harman, Shadow Health Secretary, said: "The flaws that have been highlighted could not be addressed without yet more administrative expense."

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, rejected the criticism and promised more support for fundholders. "What the Audit Commission makes clear is that the best fundholders are having a significant impact on patient care. The implication is that if the rest were as good as the best there would be huge benefits for patients."

Fundholding practices cover more than half the population and control £5.5 billion of hospital spending. Up to the end of 1994/95 they received £232 million to cover costs in staff, equipment and computers to manage their budgets. An additional £13 million was spent by health authorities and further costs, not assessed for the report, were incurred by NHS trusts.

The commission found that the best-managed practices had had a big impact on services, controlling waiting lists for non-urgent operations and increasing the level of day surgery. But most had "modest ambitions" and had changed little. "It is relatively easy to recognise the best practices . . . but such practices are rare . . . The majority do not appear to be especially good at management and networking or achieving a large numbr of benefits for patients. The question that must be asked of these fundholders is whether they are providing sufficient improvements to justify their costs."

The commission's findings are based on a questionnaire survey of 1,300 fundholding practices and visits to 56. It found that control of budgets was patchy and did not improve with experience. An unexpected finding was that practices which joined the scheme in year one, which were thought to be the most enterprising and innovative, were no more likely to have achieved changes than those that joined in later years.

The commission raises serious doubts about whether there are enough GPs of sufficient calibre to continue extending the scheme. A further 800 practices became fundholders in April taking the total to 3,000, almost half the practices in England and wales.

☐ A cut in NHS red tape expected to save £40 million was announced yesterday. More than 175,000 forms sent between health authorities and trusts are to be scrapped and the health department will send out one million fewer pieces of paper a year.

Tories dropped gift row candidate

By Andrew Pierce, Political Correspondent

JOHN KENNEDY, the parliamentary candidate at the centre of the Tory funding controversy, was removed from the party's list three years ago.

Yesterday Conservative Central Office declined to discuss the removal of Mr Kennedy, who is said to have acted as go-between in the alleged donation of £100,000 from a businessman linked to Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader.

Mr Kennedy was dropped from the list of approved potential candidates at the beginning of 1993. He was readmitted last year and selected for Halesowen and Rowley Regis, one of the marginal seats the Tories must win to stay in power.

John Major was forced on the defensive in the Commons yesterday about the alleged donation and rejected Labour demands for an investigation into party political funding. The party's treasurers have so far failed to establish whether the gift was ever received.

The money is alleged to have been paid in 1992 and 1994, when British troops were involved in peacekeeping operations in Bosnia. The businessman, speaking through his lawyer, has denied any link with Dr Karadzic, who is wanted for war crimes.

Mr Kennedy, whose constituency association is standing by him, has dismissed the donation allegation as "fantastic nonsense".

Last night he said that he had "suspended himself" from the candidate list on becoming private secretary to Prince Michael of Kent. He took up this post, however, in January 1994, long after being removed from the list.

At Question Time yesterday, Tony Blair, the Labour leader, said: "When gifts are disguised as loans and money is accepted from foreigners most people in this country would think — would they not? — that the best thing was to have the Nolan committee look at it so that justice could be done and seen to be done, not covered up and hidden by the Conservative Party."

Mr Major accused him of flying into a tantrum and said: "It is only in the Labour Party that donations and money buy influence."

Tory MPs support change to libel Bill

By Alice Thomson, Political Reporter

TORY MPs made it clear yesterday that they want to alter their 300-year-old laws of privilege to help them to sue newspapers for libel.

The Government said that it would give MPs a free vote on an amendment to the Defamation Bill that would change the 17th century Bill of Rights, which prevents statements made in the Commons being questioned in court. The amendment would allow MPs to waive their parliamentary privilege.

At the second reading of the Bill yesterday, Tory backbenchers said they want more ammunition to fight newspaper allegations of sleaze. Tory MPs who have been involved in libel cases pleaded for urgent new measures.

David Ashby, the Tory MP, who lost a libel action last year against *The Sunday Times* newspaper over claims he was a homosexual and a hypocrite said the sooner the amendment came the better.

But Paul Boateng, Labour's legal affairs spokesman, said that his party would not support the amendment. "We have great privileges in this House and there is a price to be paid for them," he said.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY In the Commons: late spring adjournment debate; backbench debates; education and employment questions; debate on developments in the Civil Service; Council Tax Limitation (England) (Maximum Amounts) Order; backbench debate on Hall Lane, Chingford and A406 widening. The Commons will rise for the Whitsun recess until June 4. In the Lords: debates on Anglo-German relations; overseas trade; Party Wall Bill, committee; Nurses Bill, second reading.

Ministers' aides quit over TV dispute

By Arthur Leathley, Political Correspondent

TWO Tory MPs resigned as ministerial aides last night after voting against government plans to restrict cross-media ownership.

Peter Atkinson and John Whittingdale opposed a move to prevent newspaper groups with more than 20 per cent of national newspaper circulation from bidding for independent television stations. The MPs urged ministers to remove the limit and allow bids to be considered on the basis of public interest.

Mr Atkinson is Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Foreign Office Ministers Jeremy Hanley and Sir Nicholas Bonsor. He said "I enjoyed my time as a PPS. I believe in liberalisation of free trade. I don't believe in opposing success and this is what the Government is proposing."

Mr Whittingdale, PPS to Eric Forth and Lord Henley, Education and Employment Ministers, said: "I regret that I have to resign but I will support the Government on the many issues with which I agree."

The Government defeated the amendment proposed by the two MPs in a Commons committee on the Broadcasting Bill by 14 votes to 13. The 20 per cent rule would bar Mirror Group Newspapers and News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, from bidding for franchises in the new Channel 3 and Channel 5 national television franchises.

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Students welcome Labour loan plan

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

STUDENTS' leaders yesterday accepted Labour proposals to scrap their grants and create a loans scheme giving them 20 years to repay debts of £12,000 or more.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, outlined plans for financial institutions to help to raise £2.4 billion for an expanded loans system. The proposals formed part of an initiative to promote "lifelong learning", encouraging adults to return to education periodically.

The policy, Labour's submission to Sir Ron Dearing's review of higher education, underlines the party's opposition to vice-chancellors' plans for tuition fees to plug the gaps in university funding. But it holds out the promise of a £1 billion cash injection from savings on student grants.

Students would borrow the full cost of their maintenance, repaying through National Insurance when they reached an agreed salary level. The present five-year repayment period would be extended.

Mr Blunkett said the proposals had involved tough choices ducked by the Government. But Eric Forth, the Higher Education Minister, described Labour's proposals as "flawed" and said the Government would not preempt the Dearing inquiry.

Jim Murphy, president of the National Union of Students, said: "Student hardship is now at crisis point . . . This is the only way to ensure decent funding for increased student numbers."

Mr Forth, however, said: "There is little substantive evidence of student hardship. Hardship is often claimed when students have to borrow to cover their maintenance costs — whether through a loan from the Student Loans Company or from relatives."

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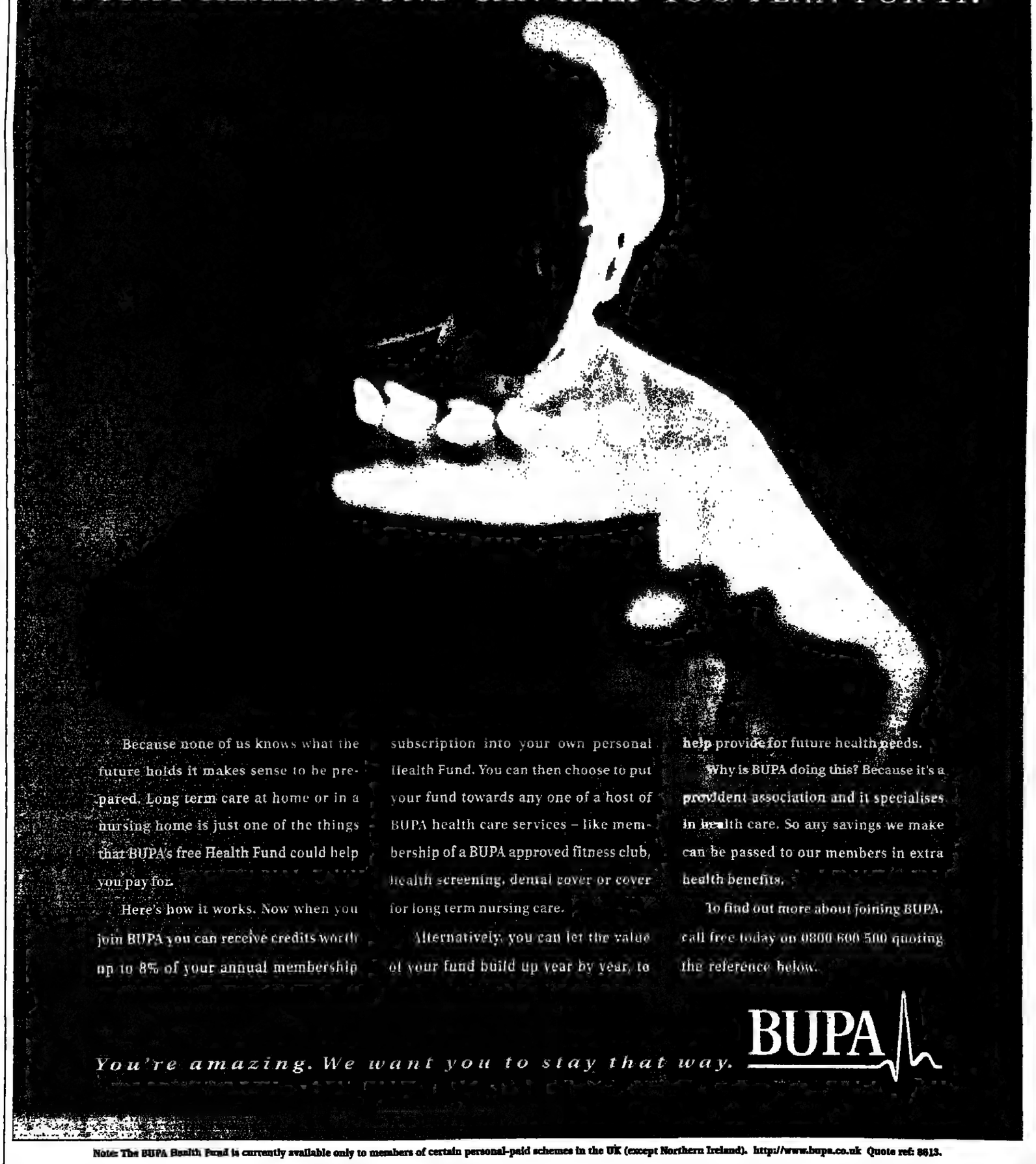

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US warns Russia against missile sales to Chinese

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton Administration is demanding that Russia and Ukraine should rebuff covert Chinese attempts to buy advanced intercontinental missile technology that would give China the capacity to threaten American cities.

"There have been communications at high levels to both the Russian and the Ukrainian governments of our very specific concern on this," William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, said yesterday. The Administration was "being very direct . . . the *démarche* to the Russians and Ukraine was very specific."

The US had also protested to China, Mr Perry added.

A Pentagon intelligence report leaked to *The Washington Times* earlier this week said that China was trying to buy technology and parts from the Russian SS-18 missile under the guise of improving its space-launch programme.

The report said that such sales "would greatly improve Peking's ability to threaten targets in the US".

The SS-18 can carry at least ten nuclear warheads and has a range of almost 7,000 miles. Ukraine, which built the missile until 1991, was also discussing "an SS-18 deal with China", the report added.

Mr Perry said the Administration "vigorously opposed" the sales, not only because it enhanced China's ability to threaten America, but because it would violate both the US-Russian Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty and the 31-nation Missile Technology Control Regime.

America's increasing concerns come as China prepares for a new underground nuclear test at its Lop Nur test site, even though it is being urged by other nations to join a planned comprehensive test ban treaty. Walter Slocombe, the American Under Secretary of Defence, said yesterday: "What we see them preparing to do is to conduct a nuclear test." But he added that Peking had also "shown some flexibility" on the question of ending such tests, along with other nuclear powers.

The United States, Russia, Britain and France, have declared self-imposed moratoriums on testing and Mr Slocombe said a planned comprehensive test ban treaty could be ready for signing in a month or so. China has declared no such moratorium.

"The Chinese have made clear that they have a programme of tests to finish: that they intend to finish them regardless," Mr Slocombe said. "How many they will do is uncertain. Some progress has been made."

China said last week in Geneva it was willing to show "flexibility" on its demand that any nuclear test ban treaty should allow "peaceful" nuclear explosions.

On a separate issue yesterday, Mr Perry said Admiral Mike Boorda, the Navy chief who committed suicide last week, had been guilty of a "technical violation" of military regulations by wearing decorations he was not entitled to. However, the Defence Secretary insisted it was an inadvertent error and said he could not understand why the press had pursued the issue.

Admiral Boorda had attached to his Vietnam ribbons two "V" for "valour" pins earned by those who engaged in actual combat. Mr Perry said the admiral's citation referred to his being in combat, but the citation's "V" box was not ticked. This meant he "probably should not have been wearing" the pins but it was a "relatively unimportant technical error".

Admiral Boorda had removed the pins a year ago when the matter was first raised. "In my judgment that should have been the end of it right there," Mr Perry said.

Peking: China welcomed President Clinton's decision to renew America's most favoured nation status for Peking. However, it urged Washington to halt the annual review process which it said was outdated and erroneous, and could create "psychological instability". *(Reuter)*

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President Fujimori of Peru opening the exhibition featuring the Inca Ice Maiden in Washington yesterday

Inca Ice Maiden makes her debut

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

SOME 500 years after she was sacrificed as a gift to the gods and left in a frozen tomb on a volcanic peak in the Andes, the mummy of an Inca girl made its public debut yesterday.

The rare Ice Maiden went on display at the National Geographic Society in Washington and will remain for a month before being returned, still frozen in a special refrigeration unit, to her native Peru. The mummy is probably the best-preserved from pre-Colombian times yet found in the Americas.

It was discovered last September by a team led by Johan Reinhard, an anthropologist at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. He said the girl, probably aged about 13 when she died, showed no signs of a violent death, either by strangulation or a blow to the head, as was often the case with Inca human sacrifices. He believes she may already have died from exposure and exhaustion from the long trek when she was wrapped tightly in a cocoon of richly patterned textiles and laid to rest at 20,700ft on the summit of Nevado Ampato. To the Incas, Ampato was the mountain god who brought life-giving water and good harvests in return for human sacrifices.

Mr Reinhard said the Ice Maiden's death would have been presided over by a small group of Inca priests in a ritual ceremony. She may have died peaceably, convinced that she would be rewarded by the gods. She was found surrounded by offerings that included coca, from which cocaine is extracted, shards of pottery, and figurines of gold, silver and shell with feather head-dresses and garments that looked as good as new.

The Ice Maiden came to light after a nearby volcano erupted, covering Ampato with warm ash and causing her grave to melt and spill its contents down the ridge. Mr Reinhard found two more, less well-preserved human sacrifices at the site, one of a girl, the other of a boy.

Carrying the Ice Maiden down the mountain was hazardous and a race to keep her largely frozen until they reached a university freezer 100 miles way. The trip, on foot and by bus, took 64 hours.

Exposure has turned the mummy's face to leather, but other skin remains preserved under her wrappings and studies of the tissue, as well as her organs and DNA, will show how she lived and, perhaps, how she died.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Marines ordered to Bangui

Washington: The Pentagon ordered US Marines into the Central African Republic yesterday to protect the US Embassy and help evacuate American citizens after an army mutiny sparked fighting in Bangui, the capital (Martin Fletcher writes).

A French military plane took off from Bangui airport for Paris last night with a first load of 138 foreigners fleeing the unrest.

Council rescue

An emergency £5 million will be made available next year for the British Council, saving offices in up to 20 countries from closure (Michael Binyon writes). It will get £9 million more in 1998-99.

Patten attacked

Hong Kong: Governor Chris Patten should accept China's plans for Hong Kong and start co-operating, businessmen here said in a letter. He replied that he saw no need for a provisional legislature. *(AFP)*

Ankara warned

Damascus: Syria accused Turkey of adopting hostile policies, saying its boosting of military ties with Israel would provoke Turkish Muslims and drag Ankara into conflicts. *(Reuter)*

Separatist clash

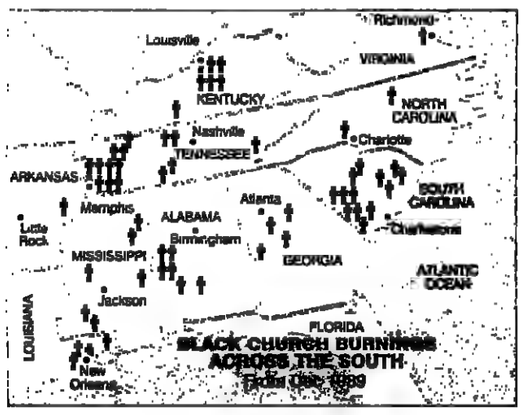
Peking: Nine armed Muslim separatists died in a gunbattle with police in China's north-western Xinjiang region, bordering three Muslim Central Asian states as well as Afghanistan and Pakistan. *(Reuter)*

Albania attack

Tirana: At least three leading members of Albania's opposition Socialist Party campaigning for a general election on Sunday were reportedly beaten severely by police in the capital. *(Reuter)*

Show of force

Tehran: Iran is to stage the largest manoeuvres ever held in the Middle East, aimed at showing off its military capability to the enemies of the Islamic republic, the Irna news agency reported. *(AFP)*



Arsonists hit black churches

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

CONGRESS yesterday launched an inquiry into the latest chilling manifestation of America's racial strife — the burning of black churches across the south.

Over the past 16 months 27 such churches have been burnt or firebombed — a rate not matched since the great civil rights struggles of the early 1960s, when white "night riders" destroyed 100 churches in Mississippi alone. Since 1990 an estimated 57 black churches have been burnt or seriously vandalised.

The fires have been started in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia and the Carolinas. The Justice Department has found no evidence of a conspiracy, but no one disputes that the attacks are racially motivated.

"The church is the centre of black life and culture in America," says Joel Williamson, a race relations expert at the Univeristy of North Carolina. "If people are targeting the black world for a hit, the place to hit is the church."

In the few cases where the arsonists have been caught, they have all been white males, some linked to white supremacist groups like the Ku Klux Klan, the Aryan Nation, or Skinheads for White Justice.

'Secret' reform set to cut Exxon damages

EXXON oil company, yet to pay any of the $5 billion (£3.3 billion) damages awarded to victims of the 1989 *Exxon Valdez* oil spill, is alleged to be behind a secretive legal reform that could cut its liability by up to 95 per cent (Giles Whittell writes).

There is uproar in Alaska over a rider to a larger state Bill that limits any such damages and is designed to be retroactive. It was added behind closed doors, without debate at a recent legislative session.

When the tanker broke up in Prince William Sound it spilled 11 million gallons of crude oil, killing birds and devastating fish stocks. Compensation, awarded two years ago, has been delayed by Exxon appeals. The company has denied any link with the legislation, which awaits only the Governor's signature.

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Sharansky heralds wind of change in Israel

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

NATAN SHARANSKY, ten years after his release from a Soviet prison, is likely to become a Cabinet minister in the next Israeli Government, whichever party wins.

The former Soviet Jewish refusenik, leader of the Israel Bealiya party for Russian migrants, will join the next coalition government whether it is led by Shimon Peres of Labour, or Binyamin Netanyahu of the right-wing Likud party.

"It was the change which led to the Prime Minister being elected directly for the first time that enabled me, both morally and practically, to set up my party," Mr Sharansky, 48, said a week before 3.9 million Israelis are due to vote. "Without that change, it would not have been possible."

With Israel Bealiya set to become a power in the tightly-contested 120-seat parliament, which will also be elected a week today in a separate ballot, most commentators expect Mr Sharansky to be offered the post of Minister of Immigrant Absorption to secure the loyalty of the four to six deputies he is expected to manage to get elected.

"We will not join a new government at any price, but we are ready to start negotiations with whoever wins the race for the Prime Minister's job," Mr Sharansky told journalists crammed into his new headquarters opposite a Jerusalem bakery. The exercise, carried out without the the malevolent presence of the KGB, was strangely reminiscent of the days in the 1970s when he was responsible for liaison between the refusenik community and foreign reporters in Moscow.

Mr Sharansky, whose weight dropped to just over six stone during a 110-day hunger strike in protest against the Soviet ban on family visits, laid down two conditions for joining the new Israeli government: "One, that the new administration does not cross our security red lines (including a bar on any move towards a Palestinian state) and also that immigrant absorption and the potential arrival of a million more Soviet Jews is considered as important as security."

Sharansky, during his years in a Soviet gulag

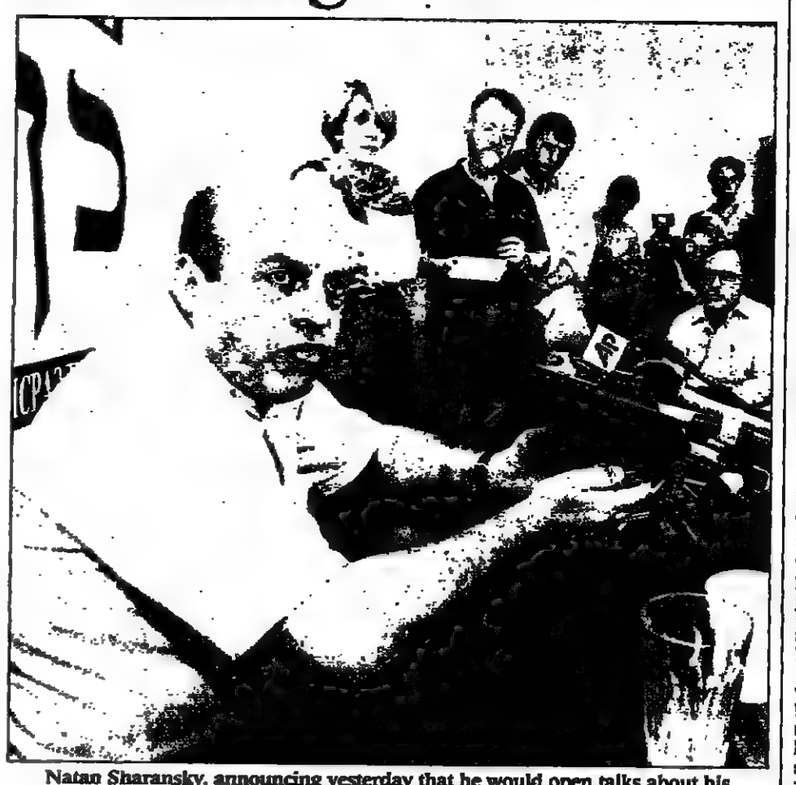
Short in stature, balding, bursting with ideas and exuding a charisma lacking in many of his political rivals, Mr Sharansky spoke passionately of his desire to "change the shape" of Israeli society by successfully harnessing for the first time in Israel's history the political clout of the almost 700,000 new immigrants who have arrived from the former Soviet Union since 1989 and the 200,000 others who came before them.

"We have formed our party, which many of the existing parties said would be impossible, because we believe in the slogan 'no integration without representation'," the man once sentenced to 13 years of solitary confinement and hard labour on trumped-up charges of being a CIA spy, said. "Only when we are in the Knesset will the prejudice and paternalism with which we have been treated end."

Mr Sharansky, whose obvious integrity, hero status and far-reaching ideas for liberalising the Israeli economy, notably the stultified housing market, have won potential supporters outside the new immigrant community, spelt out the difference in his status now to that when he arrived in February 1986 to a euphoric welcome after being freed in an East-West spy swap.

"Ten years ago it was the triumph of my life, I was a hero. I was loved by everybody," he recalled with the infectious grin that is his trademark. "This time I am not coming to bless the people, I am coming to ask people for help. Vote for me, so now it is very different."

Mr Sharansky said that his nine years in jail, during much of which he kept sane by playing mental chess, had taught him "not to be seduced, not to be bought by the establishment, even if it is a benign establishment without such things. God forbid, as the KGB and the gulags." As a result, his pledge that Israel Bealiya will remain independent is convincing after a ten-year gap in which he refused to join other Israeli parties.



Natan Sharansky, announcing yesterday that he would open talks about his inclusion in the new Israeli government with whoever becomes Prime Minister

'Kashmiri militants' kill 25 in Delhi blast

FROM COOMI KAPOOR IN DELHI

AT LEAST 25 people died and more than 50 were injured when a car bomb exploded in a crowded Delhi marketplace yesterday.

Police and firemen were last night still pulling bodies from the debris. The death toll is expected to rise as there was a dancing school on the top floor of a three-storey building which was destroyed in the blast.

An anonymous caller claiming to be from the Jammu and Kashmir Islamic Front telephoned the Press Trust of India and claimed responsibility for the explosion. He said the bombs were planted to protest against the government-held polls due to be held in Kashmir on Friday and killings carried out by the Indian Army in the valley.

The bombs were placed in a white car parked at the Lajpat Nagar shopping centre. Witnesses said there were three loud blasts and glass was shattered up to 200 yards away. More than 25 cars were destroyed.

Baghdad hails UN oil-for-food deal as Saddam victory

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAQ'S propaganda machine yesterday hailed a tough oil-for-food deal signed at the United Nations as a victory for President Saddam Hussein, and presented it as a half-way house to the lifting of overall sanctions.

As the Iraqi dinar strengthened and food prices tumbled in Baghdad's markets, the state-run *al-Jumhouriya* newspaper trumpeted: "Today we caused a crack in the wall of the embargo, tomorrow we shall pull it down."

Much of the Arab world also welcomed the agreement, which is expected to alleviate the suffering of nearly 20 million demoralised Iraqis.

Western diplomats monitoring Iraq from Jordan said the deal was a short-term "shot in the arm" for Saddam and warned it could free money for him to buy weapons. But they said it would prolong the wider embargo because the UN would no longer feel pressured by the suffering of ordinary Iraqis.

One European diplomat cautioned that the agreement could still collapse because Baghdad had yet to submit a detailed food distribution plan before Iraq could sell a limited amount of oil for humanitarian supplies. "We expect a period of haggling over the implementation. It's quite possible Saddam could put forward unacceptable demands, then tell his people it's the Americans and the British who have scuppered the deal," the diplomat said.

Baghdad's ruling elite have not suffered under sanctions which Saddam has used as an instrument of social control. The security services, his ruthless organs of repression, have remained pampered. A privileged clique led by his eldest son, Uday, have become multi-millionaires as black-marketeers.

Meanwhile, infant mortality has increased and an estimated one million Iraqis under the age of five are malnourished. Hospitals, once among the best equipped in the Arab world, complain of lack of medicines to treat diseases like tuberculosis, which had virtually been eradicated before the embargo. Some psychiatrists say they have reverted to electric shock treatment for patients because drugs like valium are no longer affordable.

Rampant inflation has left those on fixed salaries impoverished, forcing them to sell treasured possessions for food and medicine.

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Jean-Michel Séguin, curator of Auguste Rodin's Meudon home, with *The Thinker*, part of an exhibition of the sculptor's works

Vaults surrender Rodin treasures

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE basement of Auguste Rodin's country house on the outskirts of Paris is a hidden treasure-trove of anatomical artistry, containing thousands of plaster heads, bodies, feet and hands created by France's greatest sculptor as "rough drafts" for his later works.

Here can be found busts of the *Burghers of Calais*, early versions of *The Thinker* and plaster fragmentsof "work in progress" for other celebrated statues. Together they provide an extraordinary glimpse into Rodin's methods and the meticulous attention to detail of an artist revered as the Michelangelo of his time.

After his death in 1917, the plaster-work wrought by Rodin and his assistants was preserved and, for decades, all but forgotten, left to gather dust in the vaults of La Villa des Brillants, the elegant hilltop house overlooking Paris where Rodin lived and worked for the last 22 years of his life.

Later this month an exhibition will open revealing a small fraction of his vast plaster hoard, laid out in the pavilion next to the villa in the suburb of Meudon.

Jean-Michel Séguin, the villa's concierge and resident Rodin expert, shrugs when asked to estimate how many plaster sculptures the artist left. "Ten thousand, maybe fifteen thousand," he says.

Rodin's work usually began with a sketch, then a clay model, followed by numerous plaster sculptures before the forms were cast in bronze or finished in marble. The images that have since become so familiar can be charted as they evolved from vague shapes of clay through myriad plaster drafts into statues of breathtaking power and clarity.

"Rodin was remarkably exact in his work, down to the last fingernail," explains M Séguin, pointing to a tiny clay model with the artist's thumb-prints still clearly visible on the surface.

La Ville des Brillants: a seldom-visited gem

The sculptor's prolific output from the Meudon workshops was partly the result of this "archive" of torsos, fingers, arms, feet and heads, from which he could select body parts to explore shapes and ideas. "It was like he was working with Lego," M Séguin says.

While the Musée Rodin at the Hôtel Biron on the Left Bank in central Paris is a prime tourist attraction, the Villa des Brillants is a seldom-visited gem less than half an hour from the city. This year the villa will be open to visitors every weekend until the end of October.

Where the museum displays Rodin's sculptures in grand style, the villa provides a more intimate vision of the artist: his dining-room, his gardens, the room where he married his long-time companion, Rose Bueret, two weeks before her death, and the workshop where Rodin himself died — of cold — less than a year later, aged 77.

Photographs: Tony White

Some of the thousands of plaster sculptures that were preserved in the basement of Rodin's home of 22 years after his death in 1917

Strikes signal growing revolt against Kohl welfare reform

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

NURSES and hospital orderlies yesterday joined bus drivers, dustmen, postmen and civil servants in a nationwide campaign of short protest strikes that is bringing chaos to Germany.

The confrontation is in the first instance about wage rises — public sector unions want a 4.5 per cent increase — but it is turning into something far more damaging: a broad resistance front against reform of the German welfare state.

The results of the overblown or mismanaged public sector can be seen in every doctor's waiting room. In the Bonn orthopaedic surgery of Viktor Schlicht yesterday, 80 patients queued for up to two hours to see the doctor about back or shoulder pain.

A young woman admitted she had not much more than a twinge. "But why take risks? Medical insurance pays for it and I need a chitty to take more time off work." Later she had an X-ray and an ultrasound test and gained the piece of yellow paper which ensured that she can stay at home until next Monday.

Germany has not become a nation of malingerers — its productivity figures are still respectable — but plainly the social welfare legislation established by Bismarck — "to kill socialism with kindness" — has taken on the dimensions of a dirigible. The country is near the top of the European absenteeism league; it has the largest number of public holidays: the oldest graduates and the youngest pensioners.

Bus drivers who paralysed so many cities yesterday take home 2,400 marks (£1,000) a month. Despite the persistent claims that Germany's high labour costs are pricing the country out of world markets, that salary does not add up to a great deal here.

> ‘Anger in Germany is shifting away from foreign migrants and workers and towards the governing class’

The problem is one of expectations. Germans have come to take for granted annual foreign holidays. Now they are having to spend a year at home to save the cash for next year's summer holiday in Tunisia. One worker told *Bild* yesterday he could now only afford a second-hand car. No tragedy, one might think, but the comments conceal an explosive sentiment. As Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, tries to push ahead with his £13 billion worth of public spending cuts — needed to make Germany fit for European monetary union — so Germans are clinging on ever more tenaciously to their privileges.

The first instinct of Germans was to ask why foreigners are soaking up so many of their benefits — refugees and asylum seekers are supported on local council budgets; British, Polish and Russian labourers are undercutting Germans on the building sites. The Government has got tough on both counts. Now the anger is shifting away from foreigners — witness the general decline in neo-Nazi violence — and towards the governing class.

Latest investigations show that civil servants in Bonn ministries are working only 31 hours a week on average because of entitlements. The tabloid press duly expressed its outrage yesterday when it found a 42-year-old senior official in the Finance Ministry who, using various excuses, has taken off the past eight months.

Strong criticism of Herr Kohl can be heard from my local optician. He will no longer be able to offer subsidised frames and can see a large chunk of his business disappearing. In plush spas such as Baden Baden — conservative heartland — the mood is also hostile. Under Herr Kohl's plans, Germans will be able to take spa cures only three weeks every four years, instead of four weeks every three years.

The Chancellor is trying, in a small way, to change the rules and the result is uproar. The *Handelsblatt* business newspaper yesterday called it "the revolt of the dwarfs".

Date set for Karadzic evidence

FROM REUTER IN THE HAGUE

THE United Nations criminal tribunal for former Yugoslavia announced yesterday that it would hear evidence against Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and Ratko Mladic, his military chief, next month under its Rule 61 procedure.

Dr Karadzic and General Mladic have been indicted twice in their absence by the tribunal. They are accused of being responsible for genocide and crimes against humanity in connection with the siege of Sarajevo and the fall last year of the UN "safe area" at Srebrenica, where 6,000 Muslims are believed to have been slaughtered.

"Rule 61 is a reminder that the accused are charged with crimes which demand a legal accounting," Christian Chartier, the tribunal spokesman, said.

In a separate development, Alex Ivanko, an UN spokesman in Pale, said last night that murder confessions extracted from a group of Muslims held by Bosnian Serb authorities were obtained through torture and were not admissible as evidence.

Russian poll rivals try to conjure with Sakharov's legacy

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday invoked the memory of Andrei Sakharov, the late Soviet dissident leader, in an attempt to remind the Russian nation of the brutal legacy of Communist authority.

Visiting Sakharov's tomb in Moscow, on the 75th anniversary of the birth of the Nobel prize-winning physicist, the Russian leader praised the man who helped to bring down Communist rule. "Sakharov taught us what democracy was, not only by his words, not only in his meetings, but also by his actions," Mr Yeltsin said.

His remarks were intended to shore up his democratic credentials, battered by the conflict in Chechenia, and to remind his compatriots of the harsh realities of Soviet life, which so many look back on with nostalgia.

Sakharov, who helped to develop Russia's atomic bomb, went on to become the country's foremost dissenter, launching an effective campaign against the war in Afghanistan and laying the foundations for Russia's first democratic government. The anniversary of his birth was also marked by the opening of Moscow's first human rights museum, which catalogues the Kremlin's campaign against him and offers grim reminders of the worst crimes committed by Stalin.

Mr Yeltsin's election team has also tried to capitalise on fears of a Communist return with the publication of a six-page propaganda free-sheet called *God Forbid!*. It includes a full-page colour photograph of Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, dressed as a surgeon and holding a sharpened hammer and sickle in preparation for a bloody operation on Russia.

Mr Zyuganov, who is neck-and-neck with Mr Yeltsin in the presidential race, has been stung by the criticism. Last week he made a point of laying flowers at Sakharov's home in Nizhny Novgorod.

Asked what Sakharov would have made of the new Russia, Yelena Bonner, his widow, said: "We have yet to say farewell to our totalitarian psyche, even though we now live in a different state."

Spain let off £230m EU fine

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

FRANZ FISCHLER, the European Commissioner for Agriculture, has agreed a special waiver of a £230 million fine on Spain for breaching common agricultural policy (CAP) regulations. The deal, which was disclosed yesterday in the *El País* newspaper, was agreed last November.

The revelation coincides with Madrid's decision to take a hard line against Britain on the easing of the European Union beef embargo. The secret deal, reached by Herr Fischler and Luis Atienza, the former Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, amounts to a hefty subsidy for the Spanish agricultural sector, as the fine would have to have been paid from Spain's current budget.

The problem arose from Spain's extended drought last year, which prompted Spanish farmers to exceed by nearly a third the area of land permitted for cultivation of cereals under CAP regulations. This was done to ensure that Spain's output of cereals did not suffer a drastic reduction, but no attempt was made to obtain prior agreement from Brussels.

Faced with the prospect of a £230 million fine, as well as a punitive year-long fallow period, Señor Atienza approached Herr Fischler for "special consideration". Although EU drought relief is not uncommon, it normally occurs in the form of subsidies in the subsequent year, not in the form of exemptions from fines.

New safer Zeppelin poised for maiden flight

BY ROGER BOYES

IT IS trimmer, cleaner and, one hopes, safer, but the new Zeppelin still looks unmistakably like a flying cigar.

Almost a century after Count Ferdinand Adolph August Heinrich von Zeppelin weighed the anchor on his pioneering airship, the Germans have announced plans to fill the skies with a new generation of airships. The Zeppelin NT, developed at the Count's old base in Friedrichshafen in southern Germany, will be unveiled on July 2, 96 years after the original made its first flight. The new ship is expected to be declared airworthy in the autumn and to make its maiden flight next year.

The Zeppelin NT (New Technology) is the size of a jumbo jet but will carry only 12 passengers. Mass production is to begin in 1998. The company also has models for 46-seat and 84-seat airships ready to exploit what it believes to be a market niche for those who do not like helicopters or conventional aircraft. However, will the new airship be able to erase the memory of the *Hindenburg*, which exploded while trying to dock with its tower in America in 1937?

Unlike the *Hindenburg*, which was filled with explosive hydrogen, the new Zeppelin will use helium. The airship has also been adapted to the modern age. "Even though it is only half as heavy as the old airships, it is so robust that it can stay in the air even if there is a collapse in internal pressure," said Bernhard Seif, head of assembly.

Three engines with mobile propellers give Zeppelin NT the same manoeuvring skills as a helicopter. A computer supported "fly-by-wire" system — as used in the Airbus — allows it to land and take off at precise locations. That was one of the weaknesses of the old Zeppelins, which sometimes drifted miles off course.

Count Zeppelin faced stiff competition in his time and the successor company set up by his daughter does not lack rivals. Airships are being designed and constructed by companies in the United States, Britain, Canada, Russia and elsewhere in Germany in the race to set up the first tourist service since the *Hindenburg* disaster. Some estimates suggest there will be 100 Zeppelin-style airships in the skies by 2000. "The era of the airship is fast approaching," said Jürgen Bock of the German Aerospace Association.

Von Zeppelin: airship pioneer

The first 12-seat Zeppelins are intended for sightseeing tours, a short flight, for example, overmad King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein Castle, the Niagara Falls, or the National Park in Tenerife. "We have eight serious inquiries for the first NT generation," Hartwig Ochel, the Zeppelin marketing director, said.

He estimates that the price of a trip will be about £300 a passenger. The plan is to sell about 40 of the 12-seat airships, with some being used by governments for cartographers, charting jungle paths, or for military surveillance.

Certainly the project has caught the imagination of the Germans, who remember the Zeppelins as one of the great technical triumphs of the newly united country. The disasters have long since been forgotten.

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Prodi's anti-Mafia crusade starts with Godfather's arrest

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME AND FRANCESCO BONGARRA IN PALERMO

THE dramatic arrest of Giovanni Brusca, Italy's top Mafia boss, in a raid by 400 armed police at a seaside villa in Sicily was greeted yesterday with euphoria in Palermo and relief throughout Italy.

It was seen as a coup for the new Government led by Professor Romano Prodi, who took over as Prime Minister last weekend vowing to crack down on organised crime, which he said was "our country's No 1 problem".

The special anti-Mafia police unit, wearing black balaclava masks, burst in through the doors and windows when they were sure Brusca was inside, together with his brother, Vincenzo, and their wives and children.

They had sealed off the area 48 hours earlier, after a police agent recognised Brusca's voice on a tapped telephone line. Brusca — known even to fellow members of the Corleone clan as The Beast because of his ruthless brutality — surrendered without resistance, apparently honouring the Mafia code that forbids violence in the presence of a gangster's close family.

Police say Brusca, 36, masterminded the murder four years ago of Giovanni Falcone, the highly regarded anti-Mafia judge. The hunt switches to two other Mafia bosses behind the Falcone murder, Bernardo Provenzano, known as The Tractor because of his habit of "mowing people down", and Pietro Aglieri, who was convicted two years ago of masterminding a heroin trafficking operation.

Brusca replaced "Toto" Riina — also from the Corleone clan — as the Mafia "boss of bosses" when Riina was arrested in the 1993 anti-Mafia crackdown after Falcone's death.

Mafia informers say it was Brusca who pressed the detonator button that set off a bomb beneath the Palermo airport motorway on May 23, 1992, just as the judge's armoured car was passing. Falcone's wife and three bodyguards were also killed.

The late judge's sister, Maria, said the Italian state was fighting the Mafia with "real force, as it should have done years ago". The capture of Brusca was the result of months of surveillance, but itis nonetheless seen as a windfall for the left-wing Prodi administration, which won the elections a month ago and has taken office with unusual speed.

Giorgio Napolitano, the veteran former Communist Interior Minister, said Brusca's arrest was an "extraordinary success for the forces of law and order".

Brusca is also wanted for the 1993 bombings of art galleries in Rome and Florence, and was sentenced to life in absentia in 1992 for the murder of a tax inspector with Mafia links.

The most gruesome of his many reported crimes was the murder of the 11-year-old son of a fellow mafioso and family friend who turned state witness over the Falcone murder. According to Mafia witnesses, Brusca personally strangled the boy, Giuseppe di Matteo, and later dissolved his body in an acid bath as an act of revenge.

The Brusca brothers had taken refuge in the villa in the small seaside resort of Cannitello, near Agrigento, after their armed underground bunker in the hills near Palermo was uncovered three months ago. By a stroke of irony, when the police finally moved in they found the brothers calmly watching a documentary on television marking the anniversary of the Falcone assassination.

Rino Monaco, head of the anti-Mafia unit, said he was happy to have Brusca behind bars. "We have been hunting him for months, and nearly got him several times," he said. The police convoy taking the Brusca brothers to jail in Palermo stopped en route to pay homage at the roadside tree marking the spot where Falcone was blown up, which has become a local shrine. Sicilians yesterday laid flowers along the motorway in tribute.

At the weekend, in his first act after taking over from Lamberto Dini, the "technocrat" Prime Minister, Signor Prodi addressed a conference on organised crime in Palermo by video link. He said he was "earnestly and totally committed" to Sicily and the south, and his Government would "multiply its efforts in the fight against organised crime". Louis Freeh, head of the FBI, promised that Italy and the United States would join forces to cut off Mafia revenues. "We cannot wait for another tragic event like a bombing," Mr Freeh said.

The anti-Mafia drive is also aimed at boosting confidence and investment in southern Italy. Signor Prodi, who unveils his government programme in parliament today, has put the economy at the top of his agenda. He believes that undercutting the Mafia and creating jobs in the south are linked; since the Mafia feeds on unemployment.

The new Speaker of the Lower House, Luciano Violante, is a prominent former anti-Mafia lawyer, and Nicola Mancino, the Senate Speaker, was Interior Minister at the time of Riina's arrest.

Anti-Mafia police, wearing masks to protect their identity, escort Giovanni Brusca to a top-security jail yesterday

Suu Kyi defiant after 44 detained

By JOANNA PITMAN

BURMA'S pro-democracy leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, said yesterday that a three-day meeting of her National Leagde for Democracy will go ahead on Sunday at her home in Rangoon, despite the arrest of 44 of her key supporters.

"This won't affect plans to hold the conference," she said. "Everyone is calm. I expect the people of Rangoon will behave very sensibly. They know how we will want them to act. Every person knows how to do their duty."

The arrest of the activists by the Burmese military authorities highlights once again the degree of repression still prevailing in a country which officially claims the mantle of a liberal, progressive and newly developing nation.

The activists were planning to attend the meeting to mark the sixth anniversary of the election victory of Daw Suu Kyi's party. Its huge majority of the popular vote — more than 80 per cent — was annulled, and the party has since been subject to severe restrictions. Public meetings are forbidden and political publications banned.

Daw Suu Kyi, the Nobel prize-winning opposition leader, has struggled since 1988 to bring democracy to a country ruled by one of the world's most repressive regimes. She suffered six years under house arrest for her efforts and thousands of her countrymen have been imprisoned or murdered at the hands of a military junta increasingly fearful of democracy.

Her release last July was seen by many, including Daw Suu Kyi herself, as an effort by the authorities to repair Burma's image in the eyes of the West and to clear the conscience of foreign investors keen to put funds into new tourist and industrial developments and to tap a potentially lucrative new market.

The funds have been flooding in, but the political climate has not improved. Daw Suu Kyi is still far from free. Her phones are tapped, her mail is censored, her home watched and her movements are severely circumscribed. Weekend meetings at her home are also monitored by the authorities.

De Klerk's withdrawal opens door to Communist power

The Communist Party has succeeded sooner than it expected in South Africa. Now it has come to a strategic crossroads, writes ***R. W. Johnson***

COMMUNIST Party members are likely to gain from the National Party's decision to follow its withdrawal from South Africa's Government by quitting its provincial government seats, too. The only exception to the retreat is the Western Cape, where F. W. de Klerk's party is in the majority.

The gaps, it seems clear, will largely be filled by the powerful South African Communist Party, strengthening its already-formidable grip on the reins of power.

In Gauteng province, for example, which includes Johannesburg and Pretoria and produces more than half the country's wealth, all three departing Nationalist ministers will be replaced by Communists, complementing a strong Communist representation.

An exact count is difficult because of the party's secret as well as open membership. Thus the Gauteng premier, Tokyo Sexwale, is not an open party member but, as the closest friend and associate of Chris Hani, the murdered Communist Party boss, it is implausible to imagine that he declined to join.

The same situation prevails in the national Government. Among the avowed Communists are the Ministers for Police, Trade, Constitutional Affairs and Social Welfare, as well as the Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Finance and Defence. The Ministers for Transport, Foreign Affairs and Defence were once party members and may still be, while it is widely assumed that the Ministers for Justice and for Posts are also covert members.

On top of that, the two men who run the offices of the President and Deputy President are party stalwarts. The acting Secretary-General of the African National Congress and many heads of powerful parliamentary committees belong. Trade union leaders are members, too. The only countries where Communists have a stronger grip on power are North Korea, Cuba and China.

None of these figures has gained his or her position because of a deal over the party's role in government. They have been promoted because they are, almost without exception, the ANC's best and brightest. The Communists are legendary for working harder than their ANC comrades, for turning up on time and being better organised.

The Communists are at a strategic crossroads. For more than 40 years its aim was to ride to power as the ANC's Leninist vanguard, and it has done so in textbook fashion. Party theorists characterise the present period as the "national democratic phase" of the revolution, in which power is shared with non-socialist elements. The theory is that ultimately those elements will depart, enabling a consolidation of working-class power in an avowedly socialist phase.

The Communists were not ready to see the Nationalists — the main non-socialist element — leave the Government of National Unity of their own volition, handing ministries over on a plate. And while it has happily accepted what has come its way, neither it nor the country's faltering economy looks ready for a phase of "socialist transformation". Indeed, the prime government concern at the moment is to protect the rand.

As it is, the devaluation to date is bound to bring large-scale industrial unrest next year. Communist ministers may well end up ranged against Communist-led unions.

In exile the party assumed when it came to power it would be bolstered by the Soviet bloc. Now such prospects have collapsed and there is no sign it has a new strategy. Instead, like politicians of all stripes around the world, it finds being in power is largely a matter of trying to muddle through.

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Mad hatters with cool heads

Three young graduate milliners are already turning heads on and off the catwalks

Fashion journalist of the year

IAIN R. WEBB

At London Fashion Week earlier this year one of the highlights was the show of the milliner Philip Treacy. The young Irishman's hats — fluttering feathers, giant shells, and high-gloss fins — wowed the audience, while his international reputation (since he left the Royal College of Art in 1990 in a blaze of publicity, Treacy has created hats for the likes of Chanel, Valentino and Gianni Versace) was enough to woo supermodels Kate Moss, Trish Goff and Kristen McMenemy to fly into London to show off his designs.

"It is exciting to make hats today, considering millinery is seen as the dinosaur of the business," says Treacy. "When you sell a hat you appeal completely to that person's sense of the aesthetic."

Treacy and his hats are at the cutting edge of millinery *and* fashion. His fantastic vision has focused a whole new generation. This summer not one, but three milliners will graduate from the RCA.

Ian Bennett, Pip Hackett and Scott Wilson have fashioned their own careers in the satin slipstream of Treacy. "When Philip left the Royal I saw some of his hats and thought they were amazing," says Wilson. The trio are certainly carrying on the tradition for the extraordinary and exquisite. They have not opted for conventional hats of the brim and crown variety made in this season's colours and fabrics, but have instead sculpted their own blocks (a base onto which a hat is shaped), created their own materials, and let their imaginations soar. Their individual styles are distinct. Hackett favours the glamorous ("I would like to make hats for disco divas and Hollywood actresses"). Wilson would like to create excitement with his millinery theatrics (his feathery hat featured is a cross between a mask and a headdress). Bennett has opted for elegant, if somewhat monumental, forms. "I try to be classic, to use a simple shape and do something different with the fabric. You need to give people something extra special."

Certainly the need to identify a market appears paramount.

"It is a question of finding the right pigeonhole to slot into," says the milliner Stephen Jones, who reignited the trend for hats in the early 1980s when his designs topped the heads of London's demimonde, and who has recently created hats to complement the designs of Designer of the Year John Galliano. "It's not a particularly lucrative profession, but nobody goes into millinery for money, but because they love it."

"The last thing I expected was to be running a business," says Treacy. "It was quite startling to discover I had to market my interest in hats."

Graham Smith, who attended the Royal College of Art in the late 1950s and designed hats for the international jetset, including the Duchess of Windsor and Barbara Hutton, applauds the fresh talent, but has words of warning. "They may think it's a very glamorous profession but you're constantly meeting deadlines, crossing hurdles and overcoming problems. You don't sit around all the time pinning hats together. To survive you have to establish a clientele and produce the things they want. You have always got a client in mind when you make a hat."

Bennett, Hackett and Wilson have already had their taste of compromise. Before attending the RCA Hackett had a shop called The Mad Hatter, and some of her designs are already available at Liberty; during the MA course Bennett worked with design label Red or Dead, and all three have seen their hats sell in Harrods (the result of a collaborative project between the college and the Knightsbridge store). They were also asked by fashion designers Pearce Fionda to accessorise the design duo's collection for the catwalk.

"They were thoroughly professional, like people who had been in business for 20 years," says Andrew Pearce. "They seem to adore what they do, right down to the last stitch."

Although they each admit that they still have much to learn about the craft, the trio are keen to leave the hallowed halls of education. "It will finally be good to call myself a milliner," says Hackett.

"There is certainly room for lots more milliners," says Treacy. "At one time in London there were seven thousand hatmakers; today there are maybe seven."

Now there are three more.

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In Treacy's footsteps: **Scott Wilson** (left), **Pip Hackett** and **Ian Bennett** sculpt their own blocks

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PHILIP TREACY: "Sophisticated shapes rather than overly decorated. This season shape is more important than fluffiness."

GRAHAM SMITH: "Important colours are navy and cream, the ice-cream tones and pale blue. A large brim for a glamorous occasion, and while trimmings are in abundance customers really come to me for a plain sculpted hat."

PHILIP SOMERVILLE: "Very dramatic in black and white, like the hats in *Death in Venice* or *My Fair Lady*. Pale pinks, pale blues and, my favourite colour at the moment, mimosa — but all very big."

STEPHEN JONES: "A big, simple shape and not too frilly. Lots of white, white, white which is very flattering."

GILLY FORGE: "A mix of neutral and brights, chalky pastels, black and white or cream and navy. The hats are smaller and softer."

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How can we stop sexual harassment?

Nigella Lawson

All women suffer loutish behaviour at work, but tribunals are not the answer

I DO NOT envy WPC Karen Wade: she says she is looking forward to returning to work: her Chief Constable professes to welcome her back. Within a week, he claims, she should be back in the force, with all this nasty business behind her. He has only good words to say of her: no bad feelings, that sort of thing; it takes courage to bring such an action and that should be applauded.

There is a horrid implausibility to all these statements, just as — I'm afraid — there was a horrid plausibility to the allegations made by WPC Wade. I do not say, in either case, that the various parties are lying. I am sure that the Yorkshire Police Force is not in the business of recriminations, although I don't imagine for one instant it will be all sweetness and light for Wade and her erstwhile colleagues.

If an industrial tribunal rules that WPC Wade had no case against the police officers she accused of sexual harassment, then one must not question further their culpability. Nevertheless, it would be naive to imagine the police force to be innocent of the sort of ragging and boorish behaviour of which, in this instance admittedly, the officers in question were cleared.

Implausible, too, is Ms Wade's assertion that she does not regret for one moment having brought the case, along with the claim that in doing so "I have given strength to others who find themselves in similar circumstances". If she truly believes this, then her judgment really is faulty, and to the point of being suspect. How could anyone, now, in similar circumstances find anything but discouragement in the tribunal's outcome? Some would say this is no bad thing.

That's the trouble, really. One knows exactly how this finding will be received in certain circles. One does not need to be there to hear the sneering, jubilant chorus of guffaws, the taunting triumphalism. I feel sorry for Ms Wade because in bringing this case she will — despite the 50 messages of support she rather pathetically cites — signally be seen to have lost her claim on our sympathy. One knows the barrage that will follow. Either she will be seen as a liar, motivated by maliciousness and spite, or as a whinger and a wimp. But we all know that this sort of thing goes on. Even those who don't deny that come back swiftly with the if-you-can't-stand-the-heat-keep-out-of-the-kitchen response. There's precious little solidarity among the sisterhood. Come on girl, we female columnists say, we've all been there: get real or get out.

It's true, you know, we've all got stories we could tell. When I was up at Oxford, one tutor, noticing that when I read out my essays I'd pull my hair back from my face, suggested that "since it seemed to be part of the procedure of the tutorial, perhaps it should be the tutor's job". I thanked him for the offer but declined his help. Another don, who wasn't teaching me but was marking papers in the year when a boyfriend I had at the time was sitting finals, suggested that if I slept with him it might boost my boyfriend's marks. That time I was more perturbed, and went to my tutor (not the hair-fetishist one) about it. He said to ignore such idiocy, and I did, though I felt badly about it. In both cases, however, I felt that I was at least tougher and more worldly than some, and able to cope, but many of my contemporaries would have been far more panicked and much less able to hold their own. As it happens, I don't see that in either instance much good would have been served by my making an official complaint.

> Official procedures can make one somehow more vulnerable

Nor would I want to bring cases against the male journalists who have leered, leched, expected me to make the coffee and do the photocopying. But I would hesitate, too, about being too breezy, too nonchalant, about it. Abuses of power do go on and I think they should be stopped. I am justnot sure industrial tribunals are the way.

Perhaps the main difficulty is that such a culture of complaint has sprung up that there is no differentiation made between those real sorts of abuses of power and the mere irritation of laddish office banter. Enough people have by now claimed to be so wounded, so traumatised by some office jerk behaving as loutishly as office jerks do, that when something more serious happens, it too is trivialised, put down to insignificant badinage, to ordinary high spirits or misplaced camaraderie: no offence intended and none, therefore, to be taken.

There is a distinction, however, and it should be made. But having made it, how best then to proceed? One of the difficulties with the official complaints procedure is that it tends not to help those making the complaint to deal with the problem themselves. In other words, it may feel like a way of protecting oneself but in reality it can make one somehow more vulnerable. I do not go along with blaming the victim but I do say, find a way of *not* being a victim.

This can be hard if you're being bullied by someone who is in a position to harm or help you. I am sorry to say this but I think often it's better to grit your teeth and try to charm yourself out of the situation than come on heavy and exacerbate rather than defuse it. Why should men thus be saved from their own bad behaviour? Well, it might make life easier for you, too. I don't mean one should give in, but that one should retaliate appropriately.

Sometimes the implications of what's going on are indeed too serious to be ignored. With any luck there will be someone else in the office you can turn to unofficially who will probably do a better job than any statutory set-up.

The fact that EU regulations will shortly make all companies employing more than 500 people set up some sort of in-house sexual offences board is not cheering. Nevertheless, retaliating appropriately can of course sometimes mean making an official complaint.

It is important first, though, to distinguish between behaviour that is offensive or upsetting from behaviour that is actually injurious or detrimental to one's prospects. Sometimes, naturally enough, the two categories overlap: certainly the latter probably includes the former, though the former doesn't necessarily involve the latter. In either case, though, there exists a real problem.

And the police force itself cannot claim a particularly good record in such matters. But perhaps if more individuals in charge took responsibility a little earlier on, cared even to admit what had been or is going on, fewer cases would need to be brought in the first place. For what has happened now, in Leeds, is as much about bad management as bad manners.

Perhaps the official complaints procedure — leading to industrial tribunals and sexual harassment cases, expensive and difficult to prove — is not always the right way of going about things. We should be wary, however, of inferring therefore that there is nothing of which to complain.

ROSS PARRY

WPC Karen Wade leaving the tribunal after losing her case: she will be seen to have lost her claim on our sympathy

Quentin Letts on the colourful cast of a US case

Rich men's downfall in the South Pacific

Tiny Saipan, a South Pacific isle cleft to the US Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, is about 12 hours by jet from California — 12 hours, and a world, away from modern America with its public moralities, posturings and paradoxical excesses.

Pacific travellers say Saipan today is what Hawaii was half a century ago, unspoilt and innocent. Its remoteness and, more especially, its atmosphere of childlike blamelessness is what initially drew Larry Lee Hillblom to Saipan in the late 1970s, after he had made his first million as co-founder of the international courier firm DHL.

It is also why he kept going back to a part of the world that time somehow forgot. Saipan, the "fervid bachelor" would tell friends, was the place he could think, a place to plot the business strategies which brought him great riches before he died last year, aged 52, when his vintage aeroplane plunged into the ocean.

It is now claimed that something else captured Larry Hillblom's attention in Saipan: little girls. Three former bar molls have come forward to claim that Hillblom took their virginity when they were barely pubescent. They say they bore children by the rich yet scruffy Westerner, and they want his money — all $500 million of it. In his will Hillblom left the fortune to medical research at the University of California, but the three women say it belongs to their children.

Danger in the islands

The accounts of the three women are to be tested in a California court. The dispute may have to be settled by comparing the children's cell structures to the DNA of a mole which plastic surgeons removed from Hillblom's face two years ago and for some reason preserved in wax.

But is it so unlikely that this successful man moved to a land where his alleged sexual appetites could be sated? Hillblom was not the first Western male to fall victim to the charms of the South Seas. The lure of the lei, that garland of welcome traditionally bestowed on visitors by bare-bosomed young hula dancers, is considerable.

Captain Cook and his men knew the spell cast by these waters and the special sensuality of the people. Pacific islands have long been a refuge from the cares of the Western world, as well as a store of forbidden fruit. From Paul Gauguin to the energetic tycoon Sir Stamford Raffles, builder of Singapore, they have all known the magic of the region. The late, lubricious Lord Moynihan, squire of downtown Manila in the 1980s, knew the temptations, as do US military personnel.

Joyce Brothers, a psychologist and pithy interpreter of the American male's motivations, explains: "The lass is always greener in someone else's yard. Western men are brought up to treat women as equals, but these women in the Pacific islands are not equals. In their company the Western male can be big, important and adored as he has not been since he was three years old and sitting on his mother's knee."

In his native country Hillblom was not always recognised. He hated to wear a suit, and was normally to be found in jeans and a T-shirt. Once he arrived at a major Wall Street securities firm to discuss his investments. The commissionaire, mistaking him for a bum, refused him access.

Yeoryious Apallas, a leading San Francisco lawyer hired to represent the University of California in the dispute over Hillblom's estate, knew the eccentrically-dressed multimillionaire. "He was quirky in his lifestyle," Apallas recalls, "but he was an adventurer, a free spirit. He wanted to live in a less-developed area. He was also motivated by doing good. That is why he left his magnificent bequest." Is it possible to equate "doing good" with getting your sexual kicks by deflowering underage virgins?

The response of most Americans would be that the man did wrong. But in Saipan, a child may realise that being bedded by a rich Westerner may be the only route out of a life of penury. Hillblom probably understood Saipan better than any other *haole* (Westerner). He once ran for election to public office there, used his college legal training to draft laws for the country's constitution, was known by many of the 60,000 islanders, and liked to sue the US Government for bad things he thought it had done to his adopted countrymen.

Mel Kernahan, author of *White Savages in the South Seas*, has spent long periods of her life in the South Pacific. During her time as a special adviser to the Prime Minister of Rarotonga she met many middle-aged white travellers who had decided to drop out and spend their time and money in the Pacific. "The locals would in fact prefer it if the Westerners simply sent money and just stayed at home," says Ms Kernahan. Another Pacific island group, the Marshalls, takes in about 200 Californian arrivals a month. "Most of them leave after one or two years," said a consular official. "At first they enjoy life with nature but then they get bored."

The Hillblom case is keeping a high percentage of the Saipan legal community in work. We may disapprove of what Hillblom allegedly did, but was it any worse than what the lawyers have done, which is to spread the Western disease of litigation? They aim to blow the lid off paradise, and that may be hard to forgive.

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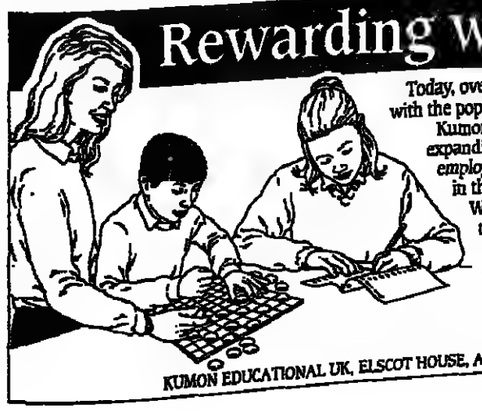

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Alan Coren

■ Vaulting ambition? Buying golden opinions? Infirm of purpose!

Macbeth does murder sleep. No question. I have lain awake since midnight thinking of nothing else, and it is now half-past four. And yes, since you ask, I did hear the owl scream and the crickets cry — either that or it was the cat next door sorting a mouse out and the people across the road winding their marriage up yet again, it is not easy to put your finger on peripheral stuff when you are struggling to direct every knackered brain cell towards a major career move.

For the prospectus from Macbeth plc arrived yesterday morning. From Stratford-upon-Avon. *Express. Recorded delivery.* Why did it do all this? It did all this because I had snipped and posted a coupon from *The Times* of May 8, offering me the opportunity to become involved in making the film for which Macbeth plc had been set up by its parent company, Cromwell Productions Ltd.

Now, since the conjunction of "opportunity" and "involved" is invariably a synonym for folding money and almost invariaby also a synonym for plughole, you may well wonder why so fly a fellow as I should not have left his scissors lying safely on the shelf beside his bargepole, and turned his thoughts to better things; but that is only because you *did not read the coupon. True, it* invited subscriptions of not less than £500 in the project, but what it offered in return was not just a share in any net profit of the film, repayment of capital with interest, and a *ticket for the world première*, all of which one would expect, it also offered what one would never expect in a million years, *viz* "the right to appear as an extra in the film, and a listing in the credits".

A snip, or what? So I snipped. And now the glossy prospectus lies glimmering beside my bed, open at the application form which dangles a stardom requiring only my filling in of my chosen amount and writing the cheque for same.

But for how much? Put another way, stardom as what?

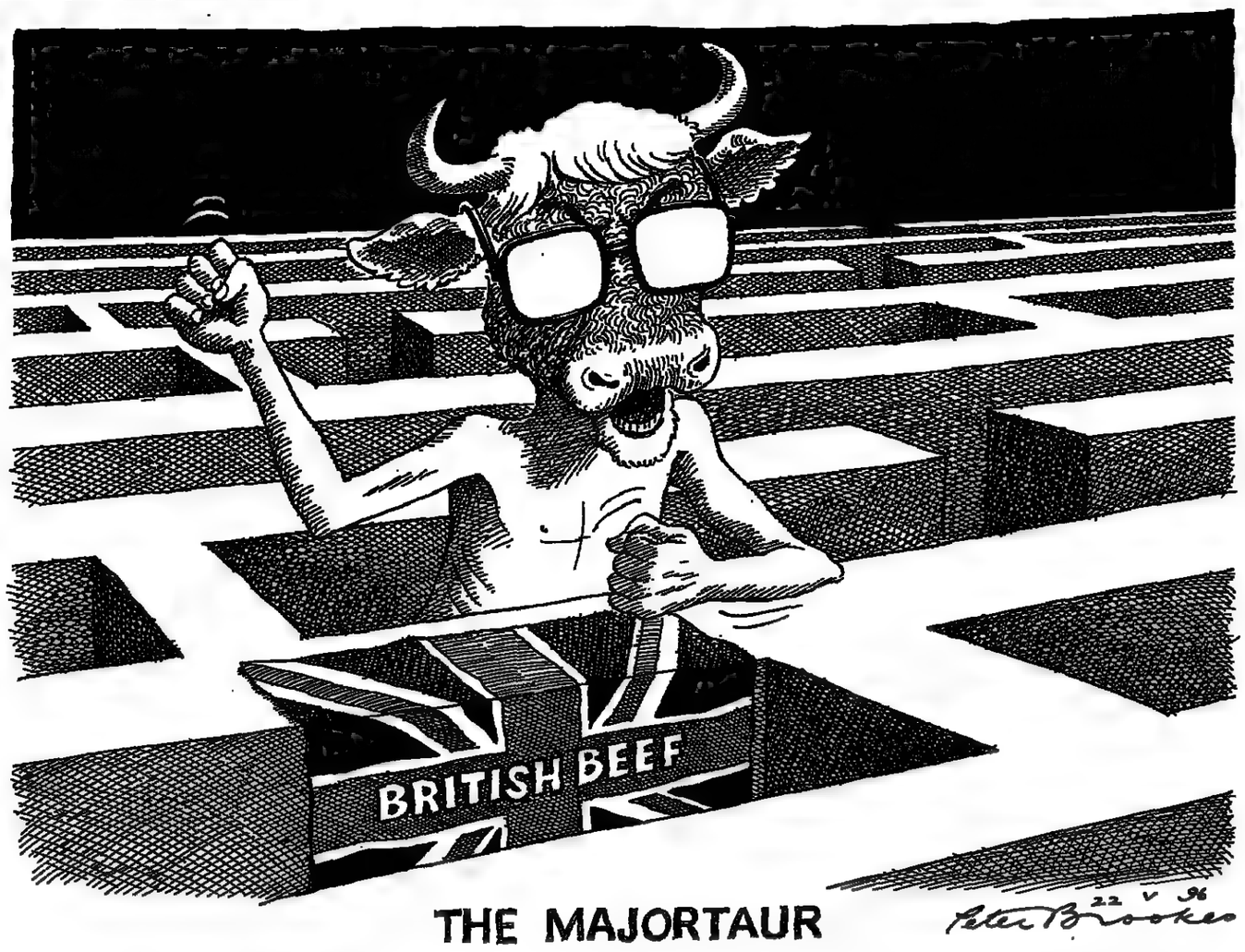
A tree, perhaps? A basic £500 ought to get me the part of a nice big fir, waddling from Birnam Wood to Dunsinane by virtue, you will recall, of the soldier concealed inside it. Not too much acting demanded there, you just wave your twigs about a bit, possibly do the odd wind-whistle or chirrup, I could do that, I can see the reviews now, "loath as I am to single out anyone from the stunning arboreal ensemble, if Alan Coren's brilliant conifer does not receive, at the very least, a nomination for Best Supporting Tree . . ." Nor, for another tactical grand, say, is it *impossible that Macbeth plc would be averse* to the minor textual change of "Till Crickle Wood remove to Dunsinane", bringing a special joy to countless local tradesmen, many with bills outstanding, though the *cheques are of course in the post.*

Invest a bit more, mind, and I could doubtless get my entire face on screen, not just one eye in a knot-hole. A couple of thousand for an Attendant, perhaps, three for a Lord, while five should almost certainly entitle me to a further textual tweak, and very nearly a speaking role:

> Duncan: What bloody man is that? Not him, the other one. *(Camera pans from seeping Corporal to Sergeant)* He can report etc.

Then again, there's the Third Murderer slot: it has baffled critics since footnotes began, just the two come on in Act III, Scene I, so where is the missing hitman? I see him up in the gallery, spotlit, after the rest exeunt — call it Scene I(a) — doing an engaging bit of business, honing his dagger, perhaps, twirling his moustache, rolling an eye, licking a lip, cackling, all that; and if, furthermore, he suddenly whipped off his moustache to reveal the Bloody Corporal a split-second before the spotlight snapped off, we could be looking *at a brand new subtext more than likely* to put deconstructionism right back on its feet, especially if he reappears in Act V as a tree.

They could cost a bob or two, though, three different roles. That is why I lie here at, now, 5.30, fraught with indecision. A bit like Hamlet, really. Particularly if anyone from Hamlet plc is reading this.



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The centre strikes back

Already, Blair's commitment to devolution is yielding to the lure of big government

Simon Jenkins

Yesterday's headline was bald: "Labour forced to reconsider 'tartan tax' plan". Labour is planning a tactical withdrawal from its pledge to devolve limited taxing powers to a Scottish assembly. The party is apparently afraid of losing votes in Scotland to the Tories, who portray local democracy as a spendthrift's charter.

For Labour to run scared of the Tories — and in Scotland — might be thought eccentric just now. But taxation was the heel by which *Labour's current Achilles* was dipped by his mother in the Styx. Tony Blair goes wobbly at the mere mention of the word. John Major has only to cry "tartan tax" and Mr Blair *falls* on Gordon Brown's *shoulder* screaming "No, no, please no".

Scottish independence is for the birds. But I do believe that a nation with a distinct history and geography and with a bigger *population than, say, Norway,* Denmark or New Zealand can be credited with some discretion over how it is taxed and governed. Mr Major says no. Until recently I thought that Labour said *yes. Now I am not sure. The insidious* tentacles of centralism are reaching out to grasp Mr Blair. The control-freaks of Downing Street are drawing him into their lair. Surely, they say, Mr Blair does not want to see spending out of his control. He is on the brink of Europe's most powerful office. Surely he will not cede to others powers that he is about to enjoy so deliciously himself?

Whenever Mr Blair suggests that the time has come to devolve power from Westminster and Whitehall to the regions or localities of the United Kingdom, I notice that he gives a nervous giggle. The Shadow Cabinet may have devolution fantasies, but the nearer these approach reality the more hesitant it becomes. Subsidiarity is for tomorrow. When the gates of Downing Street clang shut, new courtiers will encircle the throne and ask the king if he is man or mouse.

Two of my colleagues have, on this page in the past week, also poured scorn on Labour's moves to inject some devo*lution into the British constitution. On* Monday, Matthew Parris castigated me for giving intellectual space to the "carping hatefulness" of the Scots and the "pimply politics" of the Welsh. I assume he would also suppress the Basques, tear up the German Constitution and tell Mr Major to stop talking devolution for Ulster.

All acolytes of big government, whether politicians, civil servants or journalists, jeer at subsidiary authority as "primitive". The joy of this creed is that it is music to the ears of any leader. Parris's contempt for regionalism would have won a cheer from late Roman emperors, *from counter-reformation popes, Napoleon* and Stalin and Jacques Delors. Subsidiarity implies a threat to élites.

On Saturday, Michael Gove attacked devolution in the guise of com*munitarianism, as if the Thatcher* experiment had never happened. He cited right-wing pamphlets advocating less intervention and more scope for "individual autonomy". Such articles were two a penny when Margaret Thatcher came to power. In supposed opposition to communitarianism, *she and her successor* have introduced, I am told, some 900 laws infringing personal freedom since 1979. A humble Tory just now might wonder how so many fine intentions came to naught, rather than just repeat the intentions.

This "communitarian" debate is now as dead as its paltry successor, the stakeholder debate. In the current *Times Literary Supplement*, the American political scientist Gertrude Himmelfarb entertainingly blows the whole ludicrous business out of the water. All these words, she points out, have lost their meaning. Everyone is, or is not, a communitarian according to taste. My community conservation group is your community eco-fascist. My right to property is your polluting menace. My loveable rottweiler, repeater shotgun and graceful wind-farm are, to you, a curse on society.

Nowhere has this debate been more *facile than in Britain. What could be* more communitarian than the current Tory wish to meddle in every marriage and divorce? What could be more communitarian than Gillian Shephard's announcement this week that she wants to extend academic selection and thus deny parental choice? All government is a communitarian act. Daily the State intrudes on individual freedom and confiscates individual wealth. Why do we not just accept such coercion for what it is, a ceaseless clash of individual and collective interests?

The one live political argument is how to make such coercion accountable, and *at what tier of government. Here is the* true divide, where sheep and goats go separate ways. Some go to Brussels, some even to the United Nations. Others rest content with nation states. Others *see tiers below the nation state, regions,* provinces, cities and parishes.

What is extraordinary in the articles by Parris, Gove and Himmelfarb is that not one of them mentions accountability, let alone that Cinderella of modern political debate, democracy. Philosophers from the Greeks to de Tocqueville, Mill and most recently Popper have regarded democracy as rather important. Countries that do not enjoy democracy feel the same. I sense that the Scots and the Welsh are of the same persuasion (as are Londoners). Yet you will rarely find the word pass the lips of London's political commentators. It is too *simpliste*, too vulgar. It reminds them of the people.

All historians of democracy reject its "atomised" form, in essence an elective dictatorship. They see the vote as a necessary but not sufficient condition for democratic participation. In a passage his Tory admirers prefer not to read, Hayek remarks that no democracy can work "without a great measure of local self-government, to provide a school of training [in citizenship] for people at large, as well as for their future leaders". *Democracy must tolerate free* association in free institutions, right across the constitutional landscape. A centralised government cannot supply its own discipline. As we have seen under the Tories, *it merely goes on accumulating* power. There is no simple boundary between the community and the individual, any more than there is a simple boundary between different applications of the word community. Mapping these boundaries is politics, indeed it is the best definition of politics I know. Nor, since the Thatcher years, can we glibly conclude that Tories tend to one side of the boundary and Labour the other. There are no anarchists left, and precious few true libertarians. There are certainly none in the present Government. We are all communitarians. The contempt for subsidiarity of a Kenneth Clarke, a Michael Howard or a John *Gummer, like that of Parris and Gove,* is merely the contempt of one community for another. To pretend, as some Tories do, that they are standing up for the individual and the family against some *communal diktat is, on the evidence of* the past decade, ludicrous.

Throughout European history, the arrogance of highly centralised power has elicited from its victims a crisp eventual response: a smash in the face. Such arrogance denies the diversity of Europe's peoples, its nations, its subnational divisions, its islands, principalities, cities and towns. From Sicily to Jutland, from Andorra to Slovakia, from Finland to Gibraltar, this diversity is the essence of Europe. It has to be reflected in its politics or it will be reflected in its war, albeit now so-called terrorist war. Deny the diversity and you are not being clever but stupid. Subsidiarity is not a gimmick or a tool of politics. It is politics by another name.

A change of government will at least change the terms of the debate. I bet that within a year of Labour taking office, Mr Blair will be trying to renege on his devolution pledges. The centralism of the late-Major era will continue undiminished. Labour ministers will have known no other way. They have watched daily at the dispatch box as ministers meddle obsessively in the minutiae of public administration, desperate for credits, Treasury bon-bons, sound-bites, publicity. Mr Blair will not allow the Scots to raise (or lower) taxes, any more than he will dare to free councils from rate-capping. Like Mr Major, he will want to spend every penny of taxes himself — *and take the credit.*

The good news is that the Conservatives will suddenly discover pluralism. Local elections will swing the Tories' way. Tory pamphleteers will sniff the *wind and call for a thousand localisms* to bloom. Then they will wonder how it was, back in the dire years of 1995-96, that the party's policy could have been so utterly barren.

Uniting around the veto

Major is right to gamble, argues Nicholas Budgen

It *is difficult to judge* at the time whether a change of tactic has introduced a new policy and a change of political climate. But it is at least possible that yesterday we saw the Tory party reunited in a new and effective Euro-scepticism.

What are the essentials of John Major's announcement? A committee of veterinary surgeons, brought together to give their opinion of narrow scientific issues, has voted in response to wide national and political considerations. The EU ban on British beef has been continued, not for good scientific reasons, but in response to German demands that it be kept out. The Government is to respond by vetoing the activities of the EU when the national interests of other member states are involved. *Britain promises to raise the* problem of the beef ban at every EU forum.

After yesterday's statement, the Conservative Parliamentary Party offered unanimous support. For instance, Sir Peter Hordern, a life-long supporter of the idea of an ever-closer union, expressed his support while saying that this did not imply that there was any general wish to come out of the Community. The solid centre of the party has moved. Sensible county members such as David Nicholson may not worry too much about theoretical arguments over what effect the Maastricht treaty might have in ten years' time. But the ban on beef is affecting Taunton market and the dairy farmers of the South West. His new Euro-scepticism is born of constituency concerns, not of constitutional theory.

The mood of the Tory party has been changing these past seven weeks. The farming industry is very well organised politically, and farmers have exercised much pressure on their MPs. We are now also reminded of the considerable importance of the ancillary trades — the auctioneers, the abattoirs, the renderers, the transporters and others. The ramifi*cations affect every constituency. The* attitude of the British people is clear. We support British beef. Consumption has returned almost to pre-scare levels. This is a much a matter of national pride as *an expression of dietary preference.*

So *the Prime Minister is on very firm political ground in taking* vigorous action to support our national interest in Europe. The action itself is well considered. The exercise of the veto is a mechanism recognised within the Community. Taking of the issue to the European Court of Justice is the reverse of illegal: it confirms that court as the supreme court of the Community. There can be no objection to these tactics on the ground that they are either illegal or uncommunautaire.

So what happens now? It seems that opposition to the dropping of the ban on beef derivatives came mainly from Germany. There can be no doubt that concern about health — we would say an almost neurotic concern — is a German characteristic. Germany's consumption of its own beef has fallen by more than half. Clearly the Germans will be reluctant to let in our beef until consumption of their own picks up. Their allies in this matter are the Low Countries.

It will be difficult for either Germany or Britain to back down. There is little room for manoeuvre. There may be marginal scientific reasons for the *removal of old cull cows from the food* chain. But there is no scientific basis for the removal of all beef older than 30 months. At least these cattle were going to be slaughtered anyway. The European demand is for a considerable extension of the slaughter — condemning cattle to die simply because other members of their batch had BSE. The first proposal was for a sacrifice of 40,000 such cattle. Europe's gods were not placated. Then 80,000 were offered up and refused.

The murder of the herds presents a *real problem for the Government.* These cows cannot be killed without legislation. The Government has already said that there is no scientific basis for such killing. It has said that the best that can be promised of such a policy is that one animal in 14 slaughtered might have BSE. It is very doubtful if the farmers, the vets or the House of Commons would agree to a major extension of the slaughter, to the killing of whole herds.

There are much wider implications too. If a few vets can act for entirely political reasons, might not the governors of a European central bank do the same? British monetary policy was tightened far too much in the summer of 1992. The cause was Germany's need to rein in monetary policy after reunification on terms which were very advantageous to the east. If we went into a single currency, might not Germany again act for German political reasons to the disadvantage of our builders, our property owners, our mortgage-holders and our small businesses dependent upon bank overdrafts? Yesterday the Government officially recognised that it had learnt another terrible lesson — equal almost to that of our exit from the ERM on Black Wednesday in September 1992 — about the EU's true nature.

The Tories are fortunate in the attitude of the Labour Party. Mr Blair yesterday expressed no opinion as to whether this is a good or a bad approach to Europe. He is now stuck with his Euro-enthusiasms. This will be a long battle, and the Tories hold the initiative. Let us hope that it leaves Britain with a new and looser relationship with the EU.

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Lover Roy

THE ROMANTIC world of Roy Jenkins, claret-bibber, politician, award-winning biographer and mentor to Tony Blair, is to be explored in a BBC documentary this Sunday. The programme alleges that while married he had a number of love affairs with "high-born women", including Jackie Kennedy Onassis's sister, Princess Lee Radziwill.

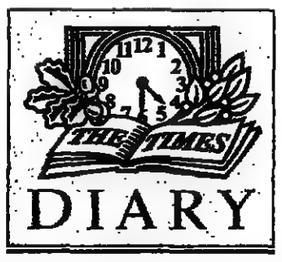
The programme, *A Very Social Democrat*, claims that the love affair with Lee developed while Jenkins's political star was rising in the 1960s; he was a senior Cabinet minister and being tipped as a future Prime Minister. When his friend Jackie Kennedy visited Britain in 1966 with her sister, it was Jenkins who escorted the two to a National Theatre production at the Old Vic.

Lee Radziwill

There has never been any doubt about Jenkins's appeal to the ladies, nor of his social contacts. In the febrile atmosphere of the 1960s, Harold Wilson feared that Roy was using aristocratic connections to oust him from office — an idea that Jenkins laughs off in the course of the intimate political portrait by the reporter Michael Cockerell.

Wilson even remarked to Barbara Castle that his ministers should not go "a-whoring after society hostesses". In the programme, Jenkins says: "If I was engaging in a plot to make myself leader, I don't think the way I would go about it would be to go a-whoring or anything else after society hostesses." Yesterday he wasn't commenting.

● *With Euro-sceptics rejoicing madly yesterday after John Major decided to muddy relations with Europe over beef, their leader John Redwood was out of contact. "He's playing cricket, no mobile phone," wailed his office. Just as he was out of contact playing cricket last year on the eve of launching his Tory leadership challenge.*



Some friends

LONDON'S Soho set have little time for dewy-eyed sympathy when visiting friends in hospital, if Robert McCrum is to be believed.

The convivial, handsome McCrum, 42, had a stroke last summer, an event which had many of his friends at Soho's Groucho Club staring worriedly into their wine glasses. McCrum survived the catastrophe, though he has been left with some paralysis — as he movingly recounts in this week's *New Yorker* magazine.

In those first weeks after the stroke, a stream of friends visited him in hospital. One, after taking a good squint, expressed bald relief that McCrum was "not a drooling vegetable". And the patient's then boss, Matthew Evans of Faber & Faber, arrived at the hospital fatigued by the number of *inquiries he had received about* McCrum's health. He was getting so bored of it all, said Evans blithely, that he was thinking of getting a lapel badge which read "Robert McCrum is dead".

● *The Indian cricket squad underestimated the biting cold of a late English spring: too few woolly jumpers were packed for their current tour. "Players have had to wear tracksuits under their jumpers," admits the team's manager, Sandip Patil, who started beaming yesterday when the sun broke through at the match against Northamptonshire.*

"Always the way: the country hates a success story"

Sleeping state

CHANNEL 4 is bracing itself for a barrage of complaints from unsuspecting viewers. The unexpurgated account of Tony Blair's stakeholder society is coming to a screen near you: Will Hutton's new Labour bible, *The State We're In*, is to be made into a three-part television series.

The programme's makers claim excitedly that Hutton, who recently became Editor of *The Observer*, "has been branded the most dangerous man in Britain". The gravest threat to viewers, however, is likely to be swallowing a fly in the course of a big yawn.

Leeds to glory

CHAMPAGNE CORKS are popping in Prince Edward's office at Buckingham Palace. A marriage has been arranged for December by his private secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer — not the Prince's long-awaited nuptials to Sophie Rhys-Jones, but those of O'Dwyer's daughter Annabel to one Robbie Feather.

Bride-to-be Annabel

The happy couple will live in Yorkshire when wed. "It's Leeds, but I prefer to call it Yorkshire myself," said Annabel yesterday. "We have both enrolled in Prue Leith's cookery course. Robbie is very willing but not yet very good." He does, however, show evidence of taste. "While he was courting me he sent me a blue dress which he had chosen himself. It did the trick and we started going out."

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AGAINST THE HERD

Major bids to turn beef into John Bull

The barricades have risen. John Major's decision to obstruct any progress in the European Union until the removal of the ban on British beef matches the growing exasperation of his party both in and out of Parliament. The audacity of the announcement reflects also the exhaustion of all other options. The Prime Minister has reasserted his command for the moment. He has also taken a great gamble. If, as before, strong words precede surrender then the consequences for his authority will be as before as well. But success could see the Tories recovering their reputation for resolution.

Since Stephen Dorrell's first, ill-fated, announcement of a possible link between BSE and a new strain of CJD two months ago the Government has been struggling to gain some kind of control over events. Maladroit ministers failed to take a consistent, coherent and confidence-building line. Europe's ban reflected the concerns of consumers in Britain and beyond.

Slowly, however, a sense of perspective has been restored. Domestic beef consumption has started to rise again. The EU Agriculture Commissioner, Franz Fischler, said there was insufficient scientific evidence to merit a ban on beef products. A majority of the Union's members voted on Monday to lift the ban on tallow, gelatine and semen. But a blocking minority of seven nations, led by Germany, insisted the ban should stay. All the attempts by the hapless Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg, to bargain with Britain's EU partners were set at naught.

With quiet words in chancelleries having achieved so little, the Prime Minister was under pressure from his party to take Clausewitz's advice and continue diplomacy by other means. By choosing confrontation the Prime Minister has, for the moment, united the vast majority of his party. Even pro-integrationists feel the hot breath of angry rural voters on their necks. Whatever the rights or wrongs about beef and BSE the episode has encapsulated this Government's tendency to be driven by events beyond its control. By taking this stand the Prime Minister has a chance to use political alchemy to turn the vexed issue of beef into the clear question of who is John Bull.

Already he seems to have stolen a march on Labour. Tony Blair's response in the House was reasonable in its content but in contrast with Mr Major's command, he seemed a nit-picking lawyer. When he accused Mr Major of using strong words not backed by the necessary detail, he was throwing stones from a glass house.

When the Prime Minister carries the fight to Brussels there is a risk that he will be bogged down in the Flanders mud. A policy of non-cooperation risks alienating those allies on other European issues which Britain has sought to win. It could prevent progress on expediting business where Britain has something to gain. It will create a resentment that will, whatever this episode's conclusion, take some time to heal.

But, beyond all that, if carried through with confidence, a policy of non-cooperation will demonstrate that Britain is determined to fight hard to safeguard its national interests. When General de Gaulle risked the wrath of his allies by holding up the development of the infant European Community to secure France's national interests, he guaranteed that his country's words would carry extra weight for years to come. Britain's budget rebate was not won until Margaret Thatcher swung her handbag.

If Mr Major's gamble is to succeed then it should mark a new departure in British policy. A tenacious campaign of the kind outlined last week by the Home Secretary to see powers returned from Brussels to Britain must be pursued. The diplomatic strategy may also lead to a greater, political, gamble. By making Britain's relations with Europe the central political issue over the next few months, the Government could build on increasing disposable incomes, the threat from taxation and the recently, but vividly, established impression of divisions among the Labour leadership to rally the Conservative voters who delivered victory in the last four elections. They were won by boldness in the past. After drift and uncertainty they may yet be won by boldness again.

FAIRNESS AND FAVOURS

Labour is less likely to be tripped up by the unions than before

Not for a long time has the British public heard the menace of a trade union leader threatening the resolve of a Labour government. Yesterday, the whiff of flat beer and stale sandwiches seemed to pervade the words of Bill Morris, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, as he warned the Opposition that he would reject any agreement on pay with a future Labour government. Could this be a portent of future seasons of discontent?

Possibly: but probably not. The TGWU will not be offered an incomes policy by a Labour government. The issue is academic. Incomes policies are as dated now as flared trousers and kipper ties. The last Labour Government was brought down over public-sector pay but the current Labour Party does not even have a policy. Since the late 1970s, the landscape has dramatically changed.

For the past three years, the Government has, in effect, been running a public-sector pay policy by freezing the wage bill and allowing pay rises to be financed out of efficiency savings. Far from causing mayhem, as some predicted at the start, this has revealed how much money can be milked out of greater productivity. Labour is likely to adopt a similar approach, though it might widen the scope of cost saving by cash-limiting departmental budgets and allowing them to set the balance themselves between wages and other spending.

Beyond that, there is much less chance now than in the 1970s of individual ministers becoming caught in public-sector pay disputes. A large proportion of what was in the public sector then is now privately run — telecommunications, water, gas, electricity, coal, rail and so on — and much of the rest is run by executive agencies at arm's length from ministers.

Of those workers who come under central government's remit, most have their pay determined either by performance or by a pay review board, and a few, such as nurses, have moved to locally determined pay. At the lowest pay levels public-sector workers would find their pay set automatically by the minimum wage. There are hardly any left whose wages would not be determined by a mechanism of some kind; most of these work in local government.

That is not to say that expectations of higher pay in the public sector do not exist. After 17 years of Conservative government there is a yearning for a Labour administration that might prove more generous. The desire, however, is likely to be unrequited. As Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, made clear yesterday in a speech to the TGWU, his spending priority is to educate and train the young unemployed, not to give in to union pressure for higher wages.

If Labour wins the next election, the first public-sector pay dispute will be painful. So will the second and third. But Mr Brown and his colleagues seem aware that a tough precedent has to be set. To the extent that new ministers have any say over pay levels, they will have to be no more generous than their Conservative predecessors in order to prevent a flood of higher claims. Backbenchers may complain: but the memory of 1978-79 ought to make the alternative too awful for Labour to contemplate.

CLINTON AND CHINA

America's tactics are sounder than its strategy

President Clinton's support for the unconditional renewal of most favoured nation (MFN) trading status highlights the difficulties his Administration has had in dealing with China. This issue has proved among his most perplexing foreign problems — and the most time-consuming. US Secretary of State Warren Christopher and his counterpart, Qian Qichen, have met 13 times in the last three years.

Despite all that attention, policy is still neither consistent nor coherent. This week the White House has backed MFN. Last week the Administration prepared the ground for a major trade conflict over China's abuse of copyright provisions. Similarly, a State Department which professes opposition to nuclear proliferation as its highest priority tolerates Chinese shipments of restricted weapons technology to Pakistan, settling for a less than credible pledge that it will not be repeated. US backing for Taiwan during the missile tests in March was also ambiguous for a time.

American action has left outside observers confused. At worst it has given the impression that the world's leading democracy will tolerate Peking abusing citizens, harassing neighbours, and promoting proliferation, but becomes antagonised only over the issue of counterfeit compact discs.

Such an assessment is harsh. The Administration was right to decouple trade and human rights two years ago and is properly seeking MFN renewal now. The Republican nominee Bob Dole has rejected the short-term advantages of campaign politics and supported that call. The removal of MFN status is a blunderbuss that could never be used effectively as an instrument in US-China relations.

The problem lies less with practice but the strategy behind it. The US is still suffering from two miscalculations made early in the life of the Clinton Administration. The first is that the end of the Cold War had the same impact universally. It did not. The effect in Eastern Europe was far greater than in East Asia. The second was the belief that, with the Cold War's demise, issues of military security were now less important. This led President Clinton first to run a foreign policy based on exporting elections and values and hence to shun Peking. Political reality, not least the menace from North Korea, forced a reassessment. In its wake the White House embraced the exports of aerospace and telecommunications instead, engaging China. This too has proved difficult.

The proper yardstick with which to judge Peking remains security. How China behaves towards those that border it and how it respects international rules should determine the approach of the United States. Mr Christopher has moved slowly to this position. Others need to follow him.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Is Dearing inquiry unrepresentative?

From Lord Dahrendorf, FBA

Sir, The Dearing Committee of Inquiry into Higher Education has been widely, and justly, welcomed. Now that we know its composition, the distinction of its members is evident. Yet one must wonder how a committee in which the experience of two thirds of the academic community — students and teachers of the humanities and social sciences — is nearly absent, can respond to the important part of the remit which states:

> Higher education continues to have a role in the nation's social, moral and spiritual life; in transmitting citizenship and culture in all its variety; and in enabling personal development for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Yours sincerely,
RALF DAHRENDORF
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May 20.

'Great' Serbia

From Sir Alfred Sherman

Sir, You report today that Biljana Plavsic, Radovan Karadzic's new "iron lady" appointee, is known as *Velika Srpkinja* (the "Great" — not Greater — "Serbian woman"). The term "Great Serbia" dates to the turn of this century, when Prime Minister Nikola Pasic used it, in distinction to the Yugoslav idea, which he prophesied would be disastrous. His warnings were ignored by the *entente* leaders, who imposed Yugoslavia.

Serbophobes repeatedly accuse the Serbs of wanting a "Greater Serbia", whereas the Serbs, who had settled for a Yugoslavia in which most Serbs were under one roof, merely demand, if Yugoslavia is to be wound up, a Great Serbia, to avoid misrule by reactionary fundamentalist Islamic Jihadists and the oppressive Roman Catholic Croat regime. They will fight, fight and fight again for this, long after the Americans lose interest in their *pax Americana*, as it becomes a desert, and the EU turns on itself.

Yours sincerely,
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May 20.

Confirmation denied

From the Honorary Secretary of the Prayer Book Society

Sir, Mrs Angie Golding, who has "walked out" of her church and is holding services in her living room (report, May 11; letter, May 15), alleges that she was denied confirmation unless she participated in a specialised course of lectures (an allegation denied by the church concerned). She might be advised to take her stand on the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer.

These rubrics, though framed with application to children and young people, clearly state that those who are "come to a competent age" and can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, and answer a few simple questions about them, should be presented to the bishop for confirmation.

It is a perversion of Church of England doctrine as set out in the Book of Common Prayer (still the legal norm for worship and doctrine) that allows the clergy to decide on a subjective "if-your-face-fits" basis that certain people are suitable for confirmation and others are not.

It would not surprise one much, these days, to learn that some young people are presented for confirmation on the basis that they can speak in tongues (even if they can't say the Commandments in any of them).

Yours faithfully,
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May 15.

Youth unemployment

From the National Secretary of YMCA England

Sir, We welcome the Labour Party's recognition of the plight of Britain's unemployed youth (reports, May 15, 16; leading article, May 16) but, as a significant provider of training for young people with considerable long-term experience, we do have a number of concerns.

The YMCA provides training for 2,500 young people each year. Around 60 per cent of those we assist have some form of special training needs, but Labour's proposals do not appear to acknowledge the extra costs involved in providing the additional support.

Given the element of compulsion in the proposals and the current lack of funding it is vital that resources are sufficient to provide high-quality training.

The proposals announced on May 15 could provide much needed fresh hope for young people but it is essential that the voluntary sector plays a significant role in the formulation and provision of such schemes.

Yours faithfully,
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May 16.

How a new 'Crystal Palace' could affect the South Bank

From Mr James Dunnett

Sir, The proposed South Bank "Crystal Palace" may perhaps turn out to have the lightness that the image in today's *Times* suggests ("Does this cause deserve £170m?", Arts, May 15); but it is surely evident that through bulk alone it will appear to be elbowing the Festival Hall off its own site adjacent.

At the time of the Festival of Britain, the Festival Hall was the only large-scale structure, apart from the slender Shot Tower, between the Hungerford and Waterloo bridges, so it could be seen as properly dominant both from the river and from the north (Waterloo Bridge) side, which was its principal entrance. This effect was seriously compromised by the building alongside it of the Hayward Gallery and Queen Elizabeth Hall (despite the care of their designers), and will be destroyed by the "Crystal Palace".

Rather than spending the proposed large sums on first altering and upgrading, then covering up these later structures, might they not be better rebuilt completely for perhaps comparable sums on the vacant car park site on the upstream of Hungerford Bridge, next to the Thames and Jubilee Gardens?

In this way something like the original setting of the Festival Hall could be recreated, together with the series of civic spaces for which the Festival site was renowned.

Writing in the *Observer* in 1951, Lionel Brett (now Lord Esher) commented that (Sir) Hugh Casson, chief designer of the Festival, has been able to anchor his deliberately flimsy structures to the far rectangle of the Festival Hall, which ... has the same inevitable relationship with the Shot Tower as an Italian Romanesque church with its campanile (may they never be divided!).

They soon were; but this contemporary text by someone close to the design process does show the care with which the composition of the South Bank was thought of as a whole, with one major building — the Festival Hall — downstream from Hungerford Bridge, and another — the Dome of Discovery — upstream. This might well serve as a model.

The spaciousness of the interior of the Festival Hall, on whose re-creation so much is being spent, was originally matched and complemented by the spaciousness of its setting. But with this the "Crystal Palace" will be in direct conflict.

Yours faithfully,
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May 15.

From the Chief Executive of the South Bank Centre

Sir, I read with much pleasure your article about the South Bank Centre's plans for the improvement of the Royal Festival Hall, two smaller halls, the Hayward Gallery and their surroundings. It was good to see such clear recognition of the need to bring about this much-needed transformation on the South Bank.

I wish to make two points, however. You ask "who is in charge?" The answer is simple; I am. To support me and my directors in our bid we have one of the best teams in the business, including the Richard Rogers Partnership and a project management team from Ove Arup.

My chairman, Sir Brian Corby (former chairman of the Prudential and president of the CBI), and our board of governors — which includes Elliott Bernerd of Chelsfield plc and Alan Smith, chairman designate of Storehouse — are wholly commited to sound financial management. None of them would tolerate anything less than an efficiently run project, built to time and budget.

You talk about the possible benefits of "a more gradual approach" to the building programme. While this may appear to be a superficially attractive option, the interconnected nature of the buildings and their services makes it largely impractical. Not only that: any delay will only lead to increases in our costs — inflation for construction projects is notoriously high.

As you so cogently point out, the need to humanise the South Bank is clear and urgent. We have worked hard to ensure that our proposals and our bid reflect the needs of both artists and audiences. The only thing which will damage this project now is unnecessary delay.

Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS SNOWMAN,
Chief Executive,
South Bank Centre,
Royal Festival Hall,
Belvedere Road, SE1.
May 16.

Ethical decisions on IVF treatment

From Dr Margaret Puxon, QC, FRCOG

Sir, The co-founder of Comment on Reproductive Ethics (letter, May 18) asserts that it must be obvious "that ethical decisions regarding IVF treatment cannot be made by the practitioners of IVF or their puppet ethics committees". May I state here emphatically that this committee is the puppet of no one nor of any body, and we find the imputation as insulting as it is inaccurate.

Having laid down guidelines for the unit as to the type of case we wish to have referred to us (this includes all cases where HIV is a factor), and having full details of the background of the potential parents, we consider each case on its individual merits.

While we often ask for further information from the unit, and may seek outside expert scientific advice, we reach our conclusions in private session without any pressure from the practitioners, taking into account the provisions of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act and the code of practice drawn up by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority as set out by its Chairman (letter, May 18).

We then advise the unit of our views on the ethics of the proposed treatment: we believe this is welcomed and followed by the unit who would, I believe, be as offended as we are by the suggestion that they interfere with our deliberations.

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET PUXON
(Chairman, Ethics Committee),
In Vitro Fertilisation Unit,
Lister Hospital,
Chelsea Bridge Road, SW1.
May 19.

From Mrs Christina Dykes

Sir, I sympathise with the plight of "Sheila" which was eloquently portrayed by Professor Lord Winston (article, May 14), but my reactions are mixed.

Whereas Sheila may crave a child, it is right that we should ask whether this is reasonable. Resources for this type of care are limited, and any future child of hers could face its life being jeopardised by its own ill health, as your leader points out so vehemently today, as well as that of its mother's.

I have great sympathy for Sheila's plight, but there are more ways to help her than by putting her wishes before the wellbeing of an unborn child.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINA DYKES,
49 Kings Road,
Richmond, Surrey.
May 15.

Saints of all sorts

From Mr Brian North Lee

Sir, Regardless of the Savonarola issue (letters, May 14), there are saints and Saints. The latter are the officially canonised, of which there are far more than most people have any inkling. The former term can apply to the faithful at large, but more specifically those of acknowledged holiness.

Let not the Church, which is cannily selective, forget this. Like popular history, it has a tendency to "provide" saints in specific areas. Florence Nightingale was no saint, but has rightly or wrongly come to be seen as the icon of nursing.

The Church pursues icon status in just the same way, geographically and vocationally. This does not alter the fact that the heroes and heroines of the faith often go unrecognised other than locally or at best nationally. They would not expect canonisation, it being the nature of the holy not to see themselves for what they are, but I'm sure they are invoked for prayer for those who know them to be God's especial friends.

The pursuance of "causes" by the Roman Catholic Church, and the need for miracles, seem puerile when one has seen holiness exemplified in a life. In the Anglican Church, which does not canonise, Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln from 1885 to 1910, is an instance. People saw and *knew* what he was, which is why he is commemorated to this day with a special collect, epistle and Gospel on March 8, the anniversary of his death in 1910.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN NORTH LEE,
32 Barrowgate Road, Chiswick, W4.
May 15.

Olympic flames

From Mr R. J. M. Tolhurst

Sir, The 1936 ("Nazi") Olympic Games, for which the Olympic flame was introduced (report, May 9; also letters, May 15), were not "hastily moved by the Spanish Civil War from Barcelona to Berlin". They were awarded to Berlin by the International Olympic Committee in 1931, ie, some five years before the Spanish Civil War began, and almost two years before the Nazis came to power in Germany.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. M. TOLHURST,
Flat 52, The Vineyards,
Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex.
May 15.

Art restoration

From Mr Adrian Ryan

Sir, For 50 years I have been noticing how restorers (letter, May 16) have managed so often to improve and embellish my pictures, God bless them.

Yours etc,
A. RYAN,
8 Camden Studios, NW1.
May 17.

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Hymns and anthems

From Mr Christopher Enston

Sir, If Canon Donald Gray believes that *Jerusalem*'s "dark satanic mills" represent the Church's neglect of inner cities (report, May 17), why does he not attempt to tackle the problem in a more practical fashion, rather than sweep it aside by his petty objections to Blake's stirring words and Parry's noble music? We continue to sing *Jerusalem* with vigour at Ellesmere College.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER ENSTON
(Assistant Director of Music),
Ellesmere College,
Ellesmere, Shropshire.
May 18.

From Mr Dugald M. MacInnes

Sir, Might it not be timely for the English RFU to adopt *Jerusalem* as its official anthem to replace the UK national anthem, which heretofore they have appropriated to themselves. All nations would then have their particular anthem and it would ensure the continuing lusty rendition of *Jerusalem*, even if it is left out of future hymnals.

Yours faithfully,
DUGALD M. MacINNES,
231 Stephendale Road, SW6.
May 17.

Without his cloak

From Mr Hugh Mooney

Sir, Sir Howard Smith (obituary, May 9) did partly succeed in publicising his appointment as Director-General of the Security Service (MI5). To the consternation of the intelligence and diplomatic community he insisted on telling the Russians before he quit his post as Ambassador to Moscow in 1978, where he had previously served (1961-63) as Head of Chancery.

Something of an outsider, with a reputation for toughness on intelligence and propaganda operations, he was an inspired choice for Northern Ireland in 1971 and was the last and longest-serving United Kingdom government representative there. Though the main reference books agree with your obituarist that Sir Howard became a Deputy Secretary at the Cabinet Office in 1972, they are silent on the fact that he continued to act as UK Representative in Northern Ireland, resident at Laneside, Holywood into 1974.

He saw the first power-sharing Assembly, set up under the Sunningdale agreement, take its first faltering steps, only to be pulled down by the loyalist strike of May that year.

Sir Howard made a major contribution to that earlier peace process, as others better qualified than me, an admiring former member of his staff, may testify.

Incidentally, you aged Sir Howard by ten years. He was 76.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH MOONEY,
1 Anchor Cottage, Prickwillow Road,
Isleham, Cambridgeshire.
May 10.

Please hold ...

From Mrs Marigold Freeman-Attwood

Sir, Mr Alexander Murray (letter, May 13; see also letter, May 16) rightly deplores the telephonic queueing system which many firms now operate.

Mr William Gladstone reputedly read the whole of *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* while waiting each day for Mrs Gladstone to put on her hat. Might not Mr Murray (albeit within earshot of the inevitable *Muzak*) adopt some similar procedure to soothe his frustration as those expensive minutes tick by?

Yours faithfully,
MARIGOLD FREEMAN-ATTWOOD,
West Flexford, Wanborough,
Nr Guildford, Surrey.
May 20.

From Mr John du Bois

Sir, I, too, am infuriated by enforced telephone queueing, often accompanied by unwelcome music. If we must suffer the latter, why not *Answer me* or *As time goes by*?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN du BOIS,
3 The Old Slipway,
River Road, Arundel, West Sussex.
May 18.

All to pot

From Mr Trevor Wilkinson

Sir, It's that time of the year, and once again the gentle lanes of Chelsea are under siege from the gardening gnomes. In their own way, they are living proof of what physicists call chaos.

And it's not just the traffic they bring chaos to either: it must be obvious by now — even to these hardy souls — that they also bring with them extremely unsettled weather.

Yours sincerely,
TREVOR WILKINSON,
1 Cranbourne Court,
Albert Bridge Road, SW11.
May 21.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 21: His Excellency Señor Manuel Gutiérrez Ruiz was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of El Salvador to the Court of St James's.

Señora de Gutiérrez was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

Mr Edward Hewlett was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, this afternoon visited Ogilvy and Mather Limited, Cabot Square, Canary Wharf, London E14.

His Royal Highness, Grand President, later chaired a Council Meeting of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851, this evening attended the Commissioner's Dinner at Armourers' Hall, London EC2.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 21: The Duke of York this evening attended the Third Eastern European Organised Crime Symposium Dinner given by the National Criminal Intelligence Service at Lancaster House, London SW1.

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE
May 21: The Princess Royal, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, this morning attended a business session of the General Assembly.

Her Royal Highness later visited Argyll and Bute and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (the Duke of Argyll).

The Princess Royal first visited Kilmore and Oban Parish Centre.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited Iona Abbey and afterwards walked to the Reilig Oran, the ancient graveyard of kings.

The Princess Royal subsequently visited the MacLeod Centre.

Her Royal Highness later visited Invereck, Dunoon.

The Princess Royal afterwards visited the Phoenix Centre, Rothesay.

Finally, Her Royal Highness visited Dalmuir Barclay Church, Clydebank, and was received by Mr Archibald Mackenzie (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Dumbartonshire).

The Princess Royal this evening gave a Dinner at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 21: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning presided at a meeting of The Prince's Council at Poundbury, Dorchester, Dorset.

His Royal Highness, Duke of Cornwall, afterwards visited Poundbury, toured the development and opened the offices of SMTech Limited, and subsequently held a Reception for those involved with the development.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, this evening gave a Dinner for the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 21: The Duke of Gloucester, President, NABC - Clubs for Young People, this evening opened the new Worthing Boys' Club and attended the Club's 60th Anniversary celebrations, Ivy Arch Road, Worthing, West Sussex.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex (Major-General Sir Philip Ward).

YORK HOUSE
May 21: The Duke of Kent this evening attended the Royal Horticultural Society's Annual Chelsea Flower Show, the Royal Hospital Chelsea, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3.

The Duchess of Kent, Royal Patron, this afternoon attended the Age Concern National Advisory Council Meeting, Walkden House, Melton Street, London NW1.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, as Colonel-in-Chief, will present new Colours to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers, Beachley Camp, Chepstow, Gwent, at 11.20.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron and trustee, will attend receptions to present awards to young people who have achieved the gold standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at St James's Palace at 11.30 and 4.00; and, as patron, will give a reception for Voluntary Service Overseas at Buckingham Palace at 6.45.

Prince Edward will attend the Sports Aid Foundation ball at Grosvenor House at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, will visit the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, at Johnstone Terrace, Edinburgh, at noon; and, on behalf of The Queen, will hold an investiture at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 3.00.

The Duchess of Kent will open the new residential house at St Piers School, St Piers Lane, Lingfield, Surrey, at 11.50.

Princess Alexandra will visit the Floyd Unit, Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale, at 1.20; will visit Spotland County Primary School, Edmund Street, at 2.15; and, as Patron of the Anchor Trust, will open the Pendleton Croft retirement housing scheme at Hind Hill Street, Heywood, at 3.15.

Birthdays today

Mr Kenny Ball, trumpeter, 65; Mr Arthur Bennett, former UK director, Leonard Cheshire Foundation, 69; Mr George Best, footballer, 50; Miss Cheryl Campbell, actress, 47; Mr Menzies Campbell, QC, MP, 55; Viscount Dunrossil, 70; the Right Rev Douglas Feaver, former Bishop of Peterborough, 82; Mr James FitzGerald, racehorse trainer, 61; Professor A. Fröhlich, FRS, Emeritus Professor of Pure Mathematics, King's College London, 80; Dr Desmond Hawkins, former President, Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 73; Professor Sir William Hawthorne, former Master, Churchill College, Cambridge, 83; Sir Mark Heath, diplomat, 69; Mr Anthony Holden, writer, 49; Mr Ieuan Jones, MP, 47; Sir Edwin Leather, former Governor of Bermuda, 77; Viscount Marchwood, 60; Professor C.A.B. Peacocke, philosopher, 46; Sir Alan Pullinger, former chairman, Haden Carrier, 83; Mr D.A. Raeburn, former Headmaster, Whitgift School, Croydon, 69; the Earl of Shaftesbury, 58; Mr Michael Welsh, former MEP, 54; Mrs Betty Williams, Nobel laureate, 53; Mr Ernest Wistrich, former director, European Movement, 73.

Chelsea Flower Show

The spirit of Sissinghurst is still a winner

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE best garden at the Chelsea Flower Show is Views of an English Garden: The Spirit of Vita Sackville-West, from *Harpers & Queen* and Cartier, of London.

The poet Vita Sackville-West and her husband Harold Nicolson greatly influenced 20th-century gardening through their garden at Sissinghurst in Kent. The Chelsea garden shows some of the elements, and plant associations and harmonies, used at Sissinghurst. There are vistas and strong focal points, a nuttery, a blue and silver border and hot borders with yellow and red plants such as euphorbias and phlomis.

Other gardens that should inspire visitors include A Garden of Rooms, from the *Daily Mirror*, of London. This demonstrates how a small garden can be made to feel larger by dividing it into smaller "garden rooms". The illusion is achieved with vistas and strong terminal focal points. It is in the traditional English style with lots of roses and summer flowers, and "cool" foliage.

The Mizzen-top Garden from the *Sunday Express*, designed and constructed by Pershore College of Horticulture, of Hereford and Worcester, is in a coastal setting. Tough wind-resistant plants provide shelter for less robust kinds such as woodland-garden plants.

Wyevale Garden Centres, of Hereford, have created A Touch of Paradise, a garden of hardy and tender exotic plants which can be grown outdoors in Britain. The large-leaved foliage plants like the hardy banana, hardy palms and dracaena, and the strong primary colours of flowers such as red lilies and geraniums, radiate a sense of the tropics.

Possibly the most talked-about garden at this year's show (because of the 40 large semi-mature trees transported from Surrey and old log cabin shipped over from Finland) is The Forest Garden, sponsored by Pro Carton, of Bristol, Avon. Designed by Julie Toll, it illustrates how modern forest management practices benefit the environment. The exhibit highlights the diversity of the forest — drifts of wild flowers and grasses in the open renovating areas, native trees mixed with pine and spruce to add diversity, and groups of shade-loving plants.

Gold medals

For gardens:
BSkyB, of Isleworth, Middlesex (New England Cottage Garden); *Evening Standard ES Magazine*, of London (A London Roof Garden for the Nineties); *Harpers & Queen* and Cartier, of London (Views of an English Garden: The Spirit of Vita Sackville-West); The Julian Dowle Partnership, of Newent, Gloucestershire, and Preferred Direct Insurance (The Preferred Direct Garden); Monk Sherborne Horticultural Society, of Hampshire (a courtyard garden); Pro Carton, of Bristol, Avon (A Forest Garden); Roger Platts, of Maresfield, East Sussex (Living Rooms); Van Hage Design Company, of London (A Japanese Artist's Garden); Wyevale Garden Centres, of Hereford, Hereford and Worcester (A Touch of Paradise).

For plants and flowers:
African Violet Centre, of Terrington St Clement, Norfolk (saintpaulias); Alpine Garden Society, of Pershore, Hereford and Worcester, and the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (a Chinese landscape); Jacques Amand, of Stanmore, Middlesex (bulbs); Ashwood Nurseries, of Kingswinford, West Midlands (lewisias); David Austin Roses, of Albrighton, West Midlands (roses); Avon Bulbs, of Mid Lambrook, Somerset (bulbs).

Barbados Horticultural Society, of Christ Church, Barbados (flowers from Barbados); Peter Beales Roses, of Attleborough, Norfolk (old-fashioned and climbing roses); Birmingham City Council (ornamental and tender plants); Bloms Bulbs, of Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire (tulips); Bressingham Gardens, of Diss, Norfolk (hardy plants).

Cheshire Herbs, of Tarporley, Cheshire (herbs); Craig House Cacti (California), of Southport, Lancashire (cacti and succulents); Dibleys, of Ruthin, North Wales (streptocarpus).

Flowers and Gardens of Melbourne, of Victoria, Australia (indigenous plants of Australia); Fryer's Nurseries, of Knutsford, Cheshire (roses); Fuchsiavale Nurseries, of Torton, Hereford and Worcester (fuchsias).

Glebe Cottage Plants, of Warkleigh, Devon (herbaceous plants); Glenedd, of Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire (saintpaulias); Goldbrook Plants, of Hoxne, Suffolk (hostas and associated perennials); Greenacre Nursery, of Southport, Lancashire (carnations and pinks).

> ❝ Gardens designed to inspire and influence visitors ❞

Hardy Plant Society, of Great Comberton, Hereford and Worcester (hardy herbaceous perennials); Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants, of Whitchurch, Hampshire (herbaceous perennials and shrubs); Herons Bonsai, of Newchapel, Surrey (bonsai); Hillier Nurseries, of Ampfield, Hampshire (trees, shrubs, roses and ground cover plants); The Hop Shop, of Shoreham, Kent (dried flowers, herbs, grasses and hop bines).

Ichiyo School of Ikebana, of Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire (Ikebana floral arrangements); Interflora (FTDA) British Unit, of Sleaford, Lincolnshire (floral arrangements); Jekka's Herb Farm, of Alveston, Bristol, Avon (herbs); Kirstenbosch, South Africa (flowers from South Africa).

Mallet Court Nursery, of Taunton, Somerset (acers); Marston Exotics, of Madley, Hereford and Worcester (carnivorous plants); McBean's Orchids, of Cooksbridge, Sussex (orchids); Ken Muir, of Weeley Heath, Essex (strawberries).

Oakleigh Nurseries, of Alresford, Hampshire (fuchsias and pelargoniums); Orchid Society of Great Britain, of Swanley, Kent (orchids); P W Plants, of Kenninghall, Norwich (foliage plants, perennials, grasses and bamboos); Plant Lovers, of Candlesby, Lincolnshire (cacti and succulents).

Rickards Hardy Ferns, of Tenbury Wells, Hereford and Worcester (ferns); Diane Sewell, of Over, Cambridgeshire (sweet peas); Peter J Smith, of Ashington, West Sussex (alstroemerias); Sutton Coldfield Fuchsia Society, West Midlands (window boxes and hanging baskets).

Toobees Exotics, of Woking, Surrey (succulent plants); Torbay Borough Council, of Paignton, Devon (carpet bedding); Tropical Rain Forest, of Leeds, West Yorkshire (bromeliads).

J Walkers Bulbs, of Holbeach, Lincolnshire (daffodils); Webbs of Wychbold, Hereford and Worcester (a front garden); Medwyn Williams, of Anglesey, Gwynedd (vegetables); Woodfield Brothers, of Tiddington, Warwickshire (lupins); Eric Young Orchid Foundation, of Trinity, Jersey (orchids).

For professional floristry:
Berry & Saunders, of Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset; Susan's Flower Shop, of Paignton, Devon.

For floral arrangements:
Abingdon Flower Club, of Oxfordshire; Bookham Flower Arrangement Group, of Surrey; Rainham Flower Club, of Kent.

Today is a private view for Royal Horticultural Society members. The show, in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, is open to the public tomorrow from 8am to 8pm, and Friday from 8am to 5pm. Admission by ticket only bought in advance (no tickets at gates). The 24-hour show information line: 0171 828 1744.

Memorial services

Sir John Hanson

A memorial service for Sir John Hanson was held yesterday at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Eye, Suffolk. The Rev Richard H. Smith officiated.

Sir Rupert Hanson, son read the lesson and Mr Jonathan R. Barclay gave an address.

Mr Bryan Johnson

A memorial service for Mr Bryan Johnson, actor and singer, was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Rev Guy Bennett, Chaplain to the London Palladium, officiated.

Mrs Diana Galvin gave a reading. Mr Steve Shappelle and Mr Jack Seaton paid tribute. Ms Maxine Daniels, sang, *Poor Butterfly*, and Mr Teddy Johnson, brother, sang *My Mother's Pearls*. Mr Bobby Crush, piano, played a medley of Bryan Johnson's songs. Mr Guy James sang an anthem from *Chess*.

A recording of Bryan reading from Oscar Wilde's *The Ballad of Reading Gaol* and his singing of *Looking High High* were played during the service.

Lecture

John Dalton Lecture

Dr Richard C. Levin, President of Yale University, gave the inaugural Dalton Lecture at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, 'The Future of the University', last night before an invited audience of industrialists and educationalists from universities and schools. The Principal, Dr Ralph Waller, and Fellows of Harris Manchester College, and the Director of the Farmington Institute, Mr Martin Rogers, were hosts. A reception and dinner was held in the Arlosh Hall afterwards. The lecture and dinner were sponsored by Sir Trevor Holdsworth, Allied Colloids Plc, British Petroleum Co Plc, ICI, Unilever Plc and Zeneca Plc.

TONY HARRIS

After a four-year search, Wieslaw Kwiczar, a Polish sailor from Gdansk, was presented yesterday with a bronze medal by Richard Duffield, of the Order of St John. In 1992 Mr Kwiczar risked being crushed to death when he jumped down to save a colleague who had fallen from their ship in Heysham harbour, Lancashire. Efforts by the St John organisation and the Polish Embassy failed to trace him but last week he was found on a ferry sailing from Felixstowe

School news

Lady Eden's School

The Directors are pleased to announce that they have appointed Mrs Judith Ann Davies, Deputy Headmistress of Bromley High School, to succeed Mrs Gillian Wayne as Headmistress from September 1996.

St David's College
Beckenham & West Wickham

1996 is the 70th Anniversary of St David's. The occasion is being celebrated by a dinner/dance on Saturday, July 6. For details please ring 0181-777 9549 or email StDavids@dial.pipex.com.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Richard Wagner, composer, Leipzig, 1813; Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, writer, Edinburgh, 1859; Laurence Olivier, Baron Olivier, actor and first director of the National Theatre, Dorking, 1907.

DEATHS: Constantine I the Great, Roman Emperor 312-337, Nicomedia (Izmit, Turkey), 337; Alessandro Manzoni, poet, Milan, 1873; Victor Hugo, author, Paris, 1885; C. Day-Lewis, Poet Laureate 1968-72, and, under the pseudonym of Nicholas Blake, writer of detective stories, Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, 1972.

Dinners

Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851, dined with the commission last night at Armourers' Hall. Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of the board of management, presided.

HM Lord High Commissioner

The Princess Royal, Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and Mrs McIndoe, the Marquess of Lothian, the Earl of Airlie, KT, and the Countess of Airlie, the Lord Advocate and Lady Mackay of Drumadoon, Captain the Hon Gerald and Mrs Maitland Carew, Sir Iain and Lady Margaret Tennant, the Lord Lyon King of Arms and Lady Innes of Edingight, Sir Russell and Lady Hillhouse, Sir William and Lady Sutherland, the Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Borders and Mrs Nicholson, the Solicitor General for Scotland and Mrs Cullen, Mr and Mrs Norman Irons, Rear-Admiral and Mrs John Tolhurst, Major-General and Mrs Jonathan Hall, Air Commodore and Mrs Jack Haines, the Lord Provost of Glasgow and Mrs Lally, the Dean of the Thistle and Dr Maureen Macmillan, the Lord Provost of Dundee and Mrs Rolfe, Cardinal Thomas Winning, the Most Rev Richard and Mrs Holloway, the Right Rev Bruce and Mrs Cameron, Mr and Mrs Patrick Cadell, Mr and Mrs Richard Cole Hamilton, the Rev Ian and Mrs Currie, Mr and Mrs Chris Excell, Mr and Mrs Peter Gladstone, Mr and Mrs Alex Gordon Duff, Mr and Mrs James Hepburne Scott, Professor and Mrs Frank Kidd, Captain and Mrs Hamish Lochore, Mr and Mrs Graeme Munro, the Rev Neil and Mrs Macdonald, the Rev Norman and Mrs McKee, Mr and Mrs J H Forbes Macpherson, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Malcolm McVittie, the Chief Constable of Strathclyde and Mrs Orr, Mr and Mrs David Ross Stewart and Professor and Mrs Richard Whitfield.

United & Cecil Club

Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, was in the chair at a dinner given by the United & Cecil Club last night at the House of Commons. Mr Steven Norris, MP, was the principal guest. Sir Tim Chessells also spoke.

Gray's Inn

The Treasurer of Gray's Inn, Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, and the Masters of the Bench gave a dinner in Hall last night, it being Grand Day of Easter Term. Among those present were:

Sir Christopher Hogg, Mr Richard Eyre, Mr Trevor Nunn, Mr Peter Shaffer, Mr John Caird, Mr Stephen Daldry, Mr Sean Mathias, Miss Diane Trevis, Mr Matthew Warchus, Miss Deborah Warner, Ms Genista McIntosh, Mrs Conrad Dehn, Canon Eric James (preacher), Mr David Machin, (under-treasurer) and Miss Margaret Chadderton (deputy under-treasurer, students).

Canning House

Mr Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, held last night at Canning House in honour of Ambassadors of Latin America and Portugal and a representative of Spain. The Earl of Limerick, president, was the host.

Two Cities Dining Club

Lord Wakeham was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Two Cities Dining Club held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Mr Kenneth Dibben presided.

Glaziers' Company

Mr P.G. Lowe, Master of the Glaziers' Company, assisted by the Wardens, presided at the annual prizegiving held last night at Glaziers' Hall.

Mr John Corder presented the first prize in the Stevens Competition to Mr Ian Hartless and the equal second prizes to Ms Josephine Greenman and Mr Andrew Somerville. Ms Deborah Lowe has been chosen as the young artist to occupy the Glaziers' Company Studio at the Ironbridge Gorge Museum for the next two years.

Sand & Gravel Association

The Sand and Gravel Association held its conference over the period May 19-21 at the Bath Spa Hotel. Delegates and guests were welcomed by the Association President, Mr Terence Higgins, and Chairman, Mr John Peer. The keynote address was given by Mr Robert Jones, MP, Minister of State at the Department of Environment, and the Restoration Awards were presented by Viscount Addison.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.D. Fergusson and Miss M.M.C. Parham

The engagement is announced between James, son of Dr Patrick Fergusson, of London, and of the late Mrs Fergusson, and Magdalen, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Parham, of Ladymead, South Ascot, Berkshire.

Mr J.F. Forbes-Millott and Miss C.C. Austin

The engagement is announced between Jodie, eldest son of Mrs Richard Millott and stepson of Mr Richard Millott, of Huntly, Aberdeenshire, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Austin, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr A.L.F. Hunt and Miss V.J. Abel Smith

The engagement is announced between Anthony Leo Francis, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Hunt, of Snowball, Gundagai, New South Wales, and Victoria Jane, eldest daughter of Mr J.W. Abel Smith, of Middleburg, Virginia, and Mrs Thomas Hughes, of Bannister, Goulburn, New South Wales.

Mr O.B. Mayes and Miss D.H. Reynolds

The engagement is announced between Oliver, youngest son of Major-General F.B. Mayes, CB, and Mrs Mayes, of Farnham, Surrey, and Dolours, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Reynolds, of Belleek, Ballina, Co Mayo, Ireland.

Marriage

Mr W.R.D. Baldock and Miss E.V. Rudd-Clarke

The marriage took place on May 11, at Heytesbury, Wiltshire, between Robert, eldest son of Dr and Mrs John Baldock, of Rearsby, Leicestershire, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr Simon Rudd-Clarke and Mrs Charles Turner.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Yusuf Bin Alawi Bin Abdullah, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Oman.

Bermuda Society and Secretariat

Viscount Dunrossil, Chairman of the Bermuda Society and Secretariat, presided at the annual meeting and luncheon held yesterday at Guildhall. Sir Richard and Lady Gorham were among those present.

Lord Weatherill

Lord Weatherill entertained Lord and Lady Auckland, the Prime Warden and Members of the Blacksmiths' Company and their guests at luncheon yesterday at the House of Lords.

Consular Corps of London

Baroness Miller of Hendon was the guest speaker at the May luncheon of the Consular Corps of London held yesterday at the Britannia Hotel, Grosvenor Square. Mr Willie S. Wilder, president, was in the chair. The Ambassador of Portugal was among others present.

Service luncheon

RASC and RCT

Brigadier D.N. Locke, Chairman of the Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport Officers Luncheon Club, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Mark Masons Hall, St James's. Captain David Murray, RN, was the principal guest.

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BIRTHS

ABRAHAM - On May 16th, to Sabine and Alan, a son, Frederick Martin Rory.

BOWMAN - On May 18th 1996, to Emma (née Gibbons) and Edward, a daughter, Lucca Sophia Elizabeth, a sister for Lara.

COLEMAN - On 18th May 1996 at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Janet (née Bieber) and John, a daughter, Iona Hermione, a sister for Max, Imogen and Claudia.

GHAFFARI-PARKER - On May 5th, to Elisabeth and Ali, a daughter, Isabella Roya, a sister for Matthew, James and George and remembering Maryam.

GREGORY - On 10th May, to Fiona and Brian, a daughter, Polly Louise, a sister for Freddie.

GRIFFITH - On May 18th at Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, to Tracy (née Rigby) and David, a daughter, Lucy Mary, sister for Thomas.

KINDE - On May 14th, to Marianne (née Wylson) and Jakob, a son, Daniel William Percy Wylson, a brother for Christian, Geraldine and Alexandra.

MANN - On Friday 17th May 1996 at 7.45 pm in The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Amanda (née Freedman) and [illegible], a son, Freddy.

O'KEEFFE - On May 15th, to Sophie (née Knapp) and Michael, a daughter, Lucia Amy Pierrette, sister for Héloïse and Saskia.

PERSKE - On May 18th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Liliot and Graham Perske, a handsome son, Harrison, a brother for Cameron.

SAVAGE - On May 18th, to Mary (née McAnuff) and Roger, a daughter, Rebecca, a sister for William, Helen and Frances.

SCRUTTON - On May 13th, to Joanna (née Horner) and Mark, a son, Jack Harry.

THOMAS - On 15th May, to Simon and Fiona (née Smith), a beautiful baby boy, Frederick James.

TRISTRAM EVE - On 16th May, to Julia and Richard, a son, James Arthur Richard, a brother for Alexander.

VIVIAN - On May 18th at West Suffolk Hospital, to Anthony and Louise ([illegible]), a daughter Flora Agnes, a sister for Fredrik James.

WATKINS - On March 20th, to Tania (née Rau) and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Anna Isabel, a sister for Thomas and Clara.

BIRTHS

WOODHOUSE - Rosalind and William are delighted to announce the birth of their baby boy, John Daniel, 8lbs 12oz, on 20th May 1996.

DEATHS

APPS - Donald William Edwin suddenly but peacefully on 20th May 1996. Beloved husband of Diana and much loved father of Richard, John and Carolyn. Private cremation at Oxford Crematorium followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Church, Letcombe Regis, at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 28th May. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Organ Fund, St Andrew's Church. Cheques payable to St Andrew's Church Letcombe Regis c/o H.J. Knapp & Sons Undertakers, 4 Church Street, Wantage.

BARKER - Haydee (née Giraud) formerly of Alexandria and Estoril peacefully in London, aged 92, dearly loved and missed by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

BARNARDO - On Sunday May 19th 1996, Kathleen, aged 86 years. Dear wife of the late Dr. Eric Barnardo, mother of David, Pam, Angela, Cilla and the late Colin, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private burial. Thanksgiving Service at Argyle Chapel, Argyle Road, Reading on Wednesday 12th June at 2.30 pm to which all are welcome. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired in her memory to Barnardos, Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex.

BAUER - Ethelwyn May ([illegible]) died peacefully on 18th May, aged 97 years. Beloved wife of the late Douglas and mother of Marcus, Gillian and Colin. Grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday 24th May at 3 pm. No flowers please, but donations if wished to Asthma Research Campaign c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester, SO23 0HU.

BEAMISH - On May 21st in Cork, Joey, beloved wife of the late Richard Beamish, mother of Valerie, Hodane and Richard. Service at Carrigrohane Church Thursday May 23rd at 2.30pm.

BRINKMAN - Wing Commander David-John M.B.E., B.A., F.R.I.N., peacefully on 17th May. Beloved husband of Shelagh and very dear father of Tim and Richard. Cremation private, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints Church, Hoaroldon, Hampshire, at 1pm on Tuesday 28th May. Flowers and enquiries to Howe & Son, Bear Hill, Kingsclere, Newbury, Berks. (01635) 298303.

CAMPBELL-ORDE - Eleanor, widow of Sir Simon Campbell-Orde, Bt, on May 18th at home, joyfully. Cremation next week; Thanksgiving Service to be arranged later. Flowers, if desired, to W.H. Shepherd, 93 High Street, Colchester (01206) 572306 or donations to Actionaid.

CARRIGAN - Clonacody, Fethard, Co. Tipperary on May 20th 1996 (in a car accident) John Pierce. Will be greatly missed by his wife Anne, his children Helen, Eithne, Ines, Lucy and Connor, his sister Anarose, his step-children Paul and Charlotte, and all the Carrigan family. R.I.P. Removal from McCarthy funeral home, Fethard, tomorrow Thursday, at 6pm, to Fethard Parish Church. Funeral after 12 o'clock Mass on Friday to Moycarkey Cemetery.

COLLINGWOOD - Constance on 17th May 1996 at her home, (retired Inspector of Schools). Funeral Service at Lincoln Crematorium on Thursday 23rd May at 11.40am. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Lincoln Co-operative Funeral Service, 12 Portland Street, Lincoln, tel: (01522) 534571.

DARBY - On May 19th, Dr. John Darby, peacefully at The Royal Hampshire County Hospital aged 76 years. Lovingly remembered by his wife Pam, son Tim, stepsons Paul and Stephen and grandchildren Nicholas, Charles and Ella. Thanksgiving Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday May 30th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, for British Heart Foundation may be sent c/o F.W. House & Sons, Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 9HE.

EVERSS - Stanley Fred on 20th May 1996 of Bowness-on-Windermere, former Principal of Paddington College, London. Dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Service of thanksgiving at St Martin's Church, Bowness-on-Windermere, Cumbria, on Friday 31st May at 3 pm. Donations if desired to A.S.W.A.K. or Lake District Cheshire Home (Holehird) c/o J.B. Longmire & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, 3 Oak Street, Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 1BH.

FLETCHER - Peter Guy on 21st May 1996 peacefully at home after a long illness aged 60 years. A loving father, grandfather and friend. Public service at Salem Chapel, Nantlle, Gwynedd, 23rd May 1996 at 8.15 am. Committal service to follow at Bangor Crematorium at 9.30 am. Family flowers only but donations in his memory gratefully received for the Sir John Barbirolli Memorial Foundation. Enquiries (01286) 881784.

GAVINE - On 17th May 1996 at Bangor Hospital, North Wales, William Caithness Gavine of Trearddur Bay, Anglesey, dearly loved husband of Pat. A greatly loved and respected father, father-in-law, grandfather and brother, who will be sorely missed. Cremation at Bangor Crematorium on Friday 24th May at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations to The British Heart Foundation or R.N.L.I. Per Griffith Roberts & Son, Preswylfa, Valley, Holyhead, Anglesey. Tel: (01407) 740940.

GRUBB - Dermot O'C on May 18th aged 75, in Bristol. Cremation 1 pm 23rd May, South Bristol Crematorium. Memorial Meeting 12 noon, 18th June, Redland Friends' Meeting House. Donations welcome for Prisoners' Education Trust.

HERFORD - Brenda (née Griffiths) on 18th May peacefully at home with her five children, widow of Harold Herford, late of Hawkhurst, Bromyard, Herefordshire. All welcome to St Andrew's Church, Bredenbury, nr. Bromyard, Herefordshire, at 2.30 pm on Saturday 1st June. No flowers, donations if desired to Bromyard and District Trefoil Guild c/o H.H. Hadley Funeral Directors, 3 Little Hereford Street, Bromyard, HR7 4DE, tel: (01885) 482216.

KING-FRETTS - On 20th May 1996, suddenly at home, Margaret Joan, of South Molton, North Devon. Dearly loved wife of Paget, beloved mother of Paddy, Hermione and Hugh and a much loved grandmother. Funeral Service at Bishops Nympton Parish Church on Tuesday 28th May at 1.45pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired may be given at the service or sent to J. Westacott & Son, Funeral Directors, 2a, West Street, South Molton, North Devon which will be shared between Bishops Nympton Parish Church and The North Devon Hospice Care Trust.

LUCKRAFT - On May 20th 1996 peacefully at Mount Edgcumbe Hospice, St Austell, Elvans Stella Marie Luckraft, ARRCA, aged 72 years, late of QARNNS. Loving sister of Rex (deceased), Hal and Bertie, a very dear aunt, sister-in-law and friend. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at All Saints Church, Highertown, Truro, 3 pm Friday 24th May. Donations if desired for the Macmillan Nursing Service c/o Funeral Directors, W.J. Berwetherick & Son Ltd., Central House, Fairmantle Street, Truro, tel: (01872) 74021.

MELVILLE - Marion, mediaeval historian, died on 16th May at Sunny Bank Anglo-American Hospital, 133 Avenue du Petit Juas, Cannes, France. Daughter of Arthur Melville, R.S.A., the well known Scottish Artist. Marion was best known for her studies of the Knights Templar and her discovery of why the order was dissolved. Donations in her memory may be made to the hospital.

MOLE - On May 18th 1996 in Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, Lilian Joyce, widow of Edgar Douglas Mole. Donations if desired for the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund or Save the Children Fund may be sent to E. White & Son, 138-139 East Reach, Taunton, Somerset TA1 3HN, Tel: (01823) 272183.

O'CALLAGHAN - Denis passed on peacefully on 16th May. Service will be held at Netley Hill House on 24th May at 2.30 pm. He will be greatly missed by his son and daughter.

OLSZOWSKI - Andrzej died peacefully on 17th May 1996. He will be greatly missed by his wife and family. Private funeral. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to Medical Aid for Poland Fund, 16 Warwick Road, London SW5 9UD. Thanksgiving Service in memory of Andrzej to be held in London at a date to be announced.

PARKINSON - On 20th May 1996, at home, after a long illness, Desmond John, dear husband of Lorna, much loved stepfather and uncle. Funeral Service at Yeovil Crematorium on Wednesday 29th May at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for the upkeep of St Michael's Churchyard, North Cadbury, c/o Mr Harold F. Miles, F.D., South Cadbury, BA22 7ES, Telephone: (01963) 440357.

PAUW - Lilian ("Billie") of West Chiltington. Aged 92 years, widow of Alexander, peacefully at Springfield House Nursing Home, Cobham, on 19th May. Funeral to take place at Chichester Crematorium at 4pm on 24th May.

PLAUT - Erwin, Designer and former President Society of Industrial Artists of South Africa, died peacefully in Cape Town 19th May. Mourned by his friends and family.

THOMSON - George Malcolm OBE - born 2nd August 1899, died 20th May 1996 - Much loved husband of Diana and father of Anna and Peter. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel) on Tuesday 28th May at 12.30 pm. Flowers c/o Leverton and Sons Ltd., 624 Finchley Road, NW11 7RR, tel: (0181) 455-4992.

TUPHOLME - Beatrice Mary (Molly), peacefully on 18th May, after a short illness, aged 91 years. Former Housemistress at St Swithun's, Winchester. Much loved by all who knew her. Funeral Service at St Mary's Chapel, Chesil House, Winchester, on Friday 24th May at 2 pm. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to Breakthrough, Otterbourne c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester (01962 844044).

TYLER - On May 20th Trevor Christopher Charles Shannon Tyler in Alderney, Channel Islands, after a short illness, dearly loved husband of Jane and loving father of Peter, Selina, Rupert, Charles and Jeremy. Funeral Service followed by private cremation on Thursday, 23rd May. No flowers but donations, if desired, to Alderney Cancer Relief, c/o Lloyds Bank, Alderney.

URWICK - Betty (née Warrand) peacefully after a short illness on 16th May aged 87 years. Widow of Lyn Urwick and much loved mother, stepmother and grandmother. The funeral took place in Sydney, Australia, on Tuesday 21st May.

WHITE - On May 20th 1996, peacefully at Cumloden Manor Nursing Home, Newton Stewart, Thomas Astley Woollaston, 5th Baronet of Wallingwells, much loved husband of Daphne and father of Juliet. Cremation private.

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COWAN - Deborah. In loving memory of Debbee who died aged 26 on 22nd May 1995.

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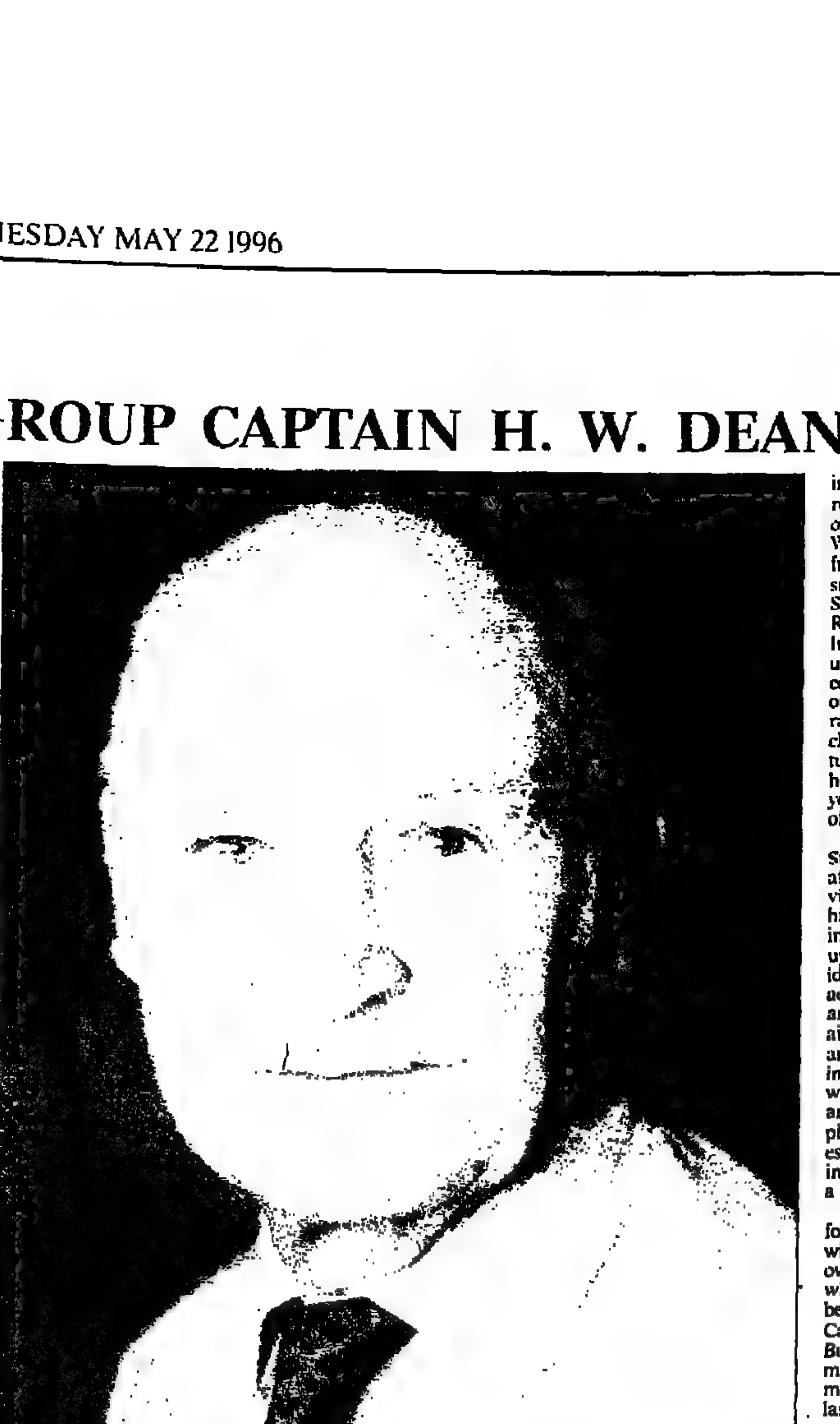
OBITUARIES

GROUP CAPTAIN H. W. DEAN

Group Captain H. W. ("Dixie") Dean, AFC, a specialist on air armaments, died on May 12 aged 84. He was born on February 9, 1912.



SUCH was the authority of "Dixie" Dean on all matters involving air weapons that the plane-makers naturally turned to him for advice during the Second World War. He personally initiated modifications to the Hurricane, showed Spitfire pilots how best to immobilise German tanks, worked on rockets which could pierce four-inch armour and perfected a technique for sinking U-boats with air-launched torpedoes.

Given the job of liaising with the Americans on the development of air-to-ground missiles, he travelled across the length and breadth of the United States, served in Normandy with a US squadron after D-Day and was appointed to the US Legion of Merit after the war. His citation, signed by President Truman, referred to his "exceptionally meritorious" service and said that through his energy, special abilities and co-operative attitude, Dean had "contributed substantially" to the war effort.

Dean acquired a great reputation as a "Mr Fixit", however unconventional his approach. When the cannon on the Whirlwind helicopter kept on jamming, he diagnosed icing as the cause and solved the problem by fitting a large condom to the muzzle. Like most of Dean's ideas, it worked. He met war leaders like Churchill and Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder who, when Dean was supervising anti-submarine trials off North Africa, made a promise to let him have whatever he required.

When Churchill advised people during the dark days of the war to "take one with you" in the event of a German invasion, Dean took the advice to heart. He mounted an automatic gun on his bathroom window and told his wife to open fire if the enemy came. Hearing strange noises one night, she shouted: "Halt, who goes there?" On getting no reply, she fired a warning shot. In the morning she discovered a dead cow in the garden and had some explaining to do.

Dean himself flew 120 different types of aircraft while testing and developing weapon systems, many of them while director of armaments at the RAF's experimental station at Boscombe Down. He once took off in a new top-secret aircraft before realising that he did not know how to lower the undercarriage. He spent an embarrassing hour circling the airfield while ground staff were frantically trying to find out. They did so just in time.

He was born Hubert William Dean at Mill Hill, north London, the son of a borough surveyor who later helped to found a firm of furniture manufacturers. From a private school in Yorkshire, he went to read chemistry at Imperial College, London, where he also edited the college magazine and indulged his early appetite for flying. But his decision to take a short service commission in the RAF in 1932 dismayed his father, who considered it a waste of his education.

He started his professional career at Gunnery School and grew up with the Hurricane and the Spitfire. Of all the aircraft he ever flew, he always fondly referred to the Spitfire as the "belle of the ball".

Dean concentrated increasingly on the RAF's operational requirements during the second half of his career, based in Whitehall or in Washington, from where he travelled extensively throughout the United States. He also went to the RAF Staff College and to the Imperial Defence College — usually a sign that the officer concerned has been marked out for promotion to high rank. Dean might well have climbed still higher but for his turbulent love life. As it was, he retired in 1954, aged 42, a year before the final collapse of his second marriage.

Captivated by the United States, he settled there soon afterwards, returning on short visits to this country. Applying his ingenious mind to civil industry in America, he came up with a succession of bright ideas. As president of an aerospace firm he developed an auto-pilot system for light aircraft, then as chief engineer and chemist for Silly Putty, he invented a kind of toy putty which glowed in the dark and another which was used in physiotherapy. Then as a real estate agent in Florida he dealt in properties worth more than a million dollars.

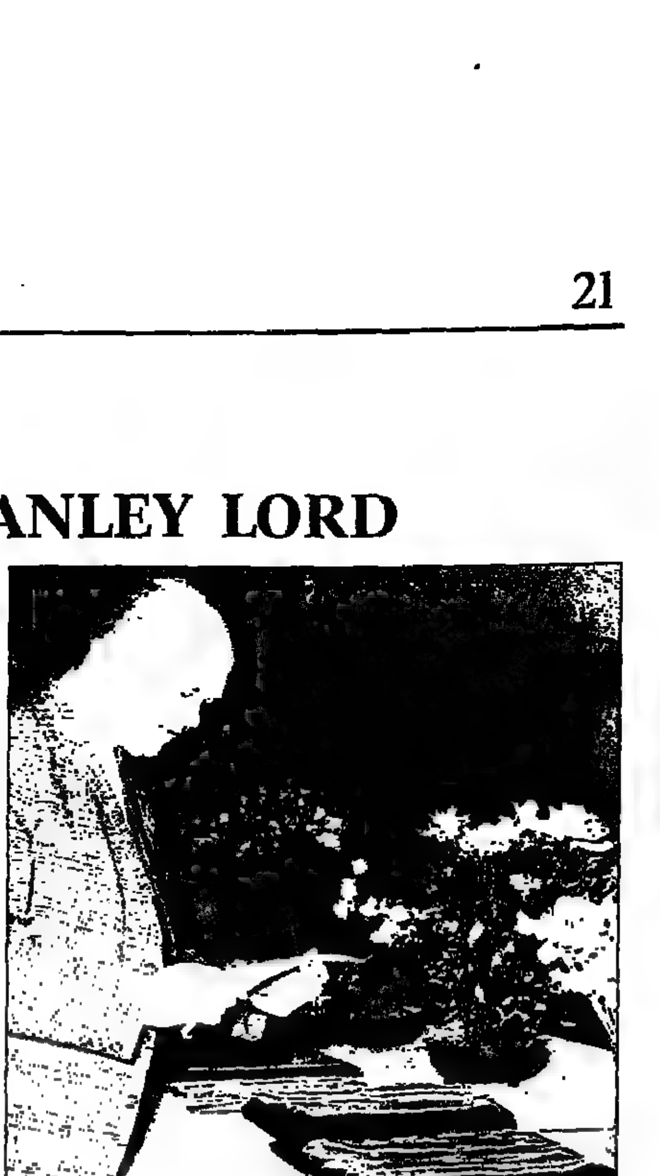
Dean never lost his passion for building and tinkering with machines. He built his own home in Connecticut, where he lived for many years before moving to a house near Cape Canaveral in Florida. But his creative gifts were not matched by commercial acumen and he never reaped the lasting rewards which he might have considered were due to him.

A gregarious man who could charm the birds off the trees — as well as most of those he met on the ground — he recently finished writing his memoirs *Druids' Circle*, a reference to Stonehenge which was used as a landmark by pilots at Boscombe Down. The book was published earlier this year.

"Dixie" Dean died in hospital from hepatitis shortly after moving back from Florida to Connecticut. He is survived by his fourth wife Marguerite, to whom he was married for 32 years, and by three sons, two from his first marriage and one from his second. A daughter from his first marriage died several years ago.

STANLEY LORD

Stanley Lord, garden manager and horticulturist, died on May 7 aged 89. He was born on August 26, 1906.



STANLEY LORD designed and managed one of the busiest and, during the 1950s and 1960s, most beautiful public gardens in Hertfordshire, that of Shenley Hospital. He came to the new hospital as a relatively young man in the early 1930s and remained there for the next half-century, overseeing its ornamental gardens, the farm, orchards and greenhouses. Although the hospital was only about 15 miles north of Charing Cross, the grounds remained, in Lord's charge, unspoilt and countrylike. In many parts of the garden it was impossible to see a house.

Gardening had been Lord's intended career since he was a young boy. He was born in Winchester, and left his local elementary school at the age of 13 to become an apprentice gardener. He learnt about gardening in the traditional manner by moving from one grand country house to another, being promoted every two years by successive head gardeners. From 1925 to 1928 he worked at the Earl of Radnor's Longford Castle, Salisbury, and then at North Mymms Park near Hatfield, where he met his wife Emma, who was employed there as the cook.

In 1933 he joined the gardening staff of Middlesex County Council, which was then building the new Shenley Hospital, a mental institution in Hertfordshire. The hospital was opened the following year. The grounds of the hospital consisted of some 300 acres, about a third of which were gardens. A Victorian garden already existed on the site, incorporating a vinery and outhouses, but Lord was responsible for laying out the rest of the gardens, including the lawns, shrubberies and bedding. He planted flower gardens, from which the cut flowers and potted plants were taken for the wards, a kitchen garden, soft fruit orchards and two big apple orchards to supply the kitchen.

His permanent team of gardeners came to number around twenty. But in the early days of planting, during the years of the Depression, a long queue of unemployed men would form at the gates every morning. To Lord would fall the unenviable task of sifting through the applicants to find 100 or so labourers. Still in his late twenties, Lord came to have a firm grasp on how to manage people.

There was a tendency in those days for mental institutions to give an impression of holding their patients captive — and the hospital gardens at Shenley reflected this, with more of an "enclosed" atmosphere than is usual today. With a liberalisation of thought regarding patients' treatment, the gardens had to evolve into a more open approach to landscaping, with railings etc being removed. Lord oversaw this gradual process after the war, as well as accommodating the new need for roads suitable for cars to be driven around in the grounds (he himself drove everywhere in an Austin Seven). Before pottery and painting became the favoured recreational activities, patients were also encouraged to help in the garden.

Lord took on gradually more responsibility for the hospital's farm, which made it almost self-sufficient, particularly during the war. He was never content to run things as he had taken them over. He turned the pig farm, for instance, into a profitable enterprise which kept almost 1,000 animals.

After the war Lord moved onto the national stage as a gardener and exhibitor. He decorated Guildhall with flowers for VE-Day, VJ-Day, and for the Coronation. The Shenley team exhibited at many shows, and in 1973 Lord put up well over 100 types of apple, a staggering number, at the RHS's show at Vincent Square. He won numerous awards, including being elected an Associate of Honour in 1956 by the RHS. He served as chairman and president of the British National Carnation Society (he had great success at exhibiting carnations), and regularly judged at the Chelsea Flower Show and other RHS exhibitions. He was involved in the Gardners' Royal Benevolent Society until 1990.

Lord retired in 1980, to shoot, fish, play cards, and to be chairman of Shenley village hall. He died on the day his wife was buried, after 62 years of marriage, and is survived by their son.

PRESTON LOCKWOOD

Preston Lockwood, actor, died on April 24 aged 83. He was born on October 30, 1912.

PRESTON LOCKWOOD was rarely out of work in his long career, but while audiences instantly recognised his face, they were harder pressed to put a name to it. Lockwood had played a ghost holding his own severed head in the early days of the Hamlet cigar advertisement during the mid-1970s; and the Lord Chancellor in *Rumpole* a decade later. Although he had a creditable career as a character actor, there was no single dominant theme to the types of role he was offered. For children growing up in the 1950s, his voice immediately conjured up the Germanic strains of Dennis the Dachshund, star of *Children's Hour* on the BBC's old Home Service.

After this "lifetime of nonentity", as he modestly described his career, Lockwood was swept to national fame at the age of 81 by unexpected means. In 1994 Channel 4's *Cutting Edge* team took its cameras to the Northwood Golf Club in Middlesex, and there, acting in a fly-on-the-wall capacity, filmed such arcane bonding rituals among the club's male members as the Rabbits Annual Dinner. The resulting programme, which was hilarious for viewers, was such a public relations fiasco for the club that the board of directors felt compelled to resign en masse after its screening.

Alone among the members who had been interviewed for the programme, Preston Lockwood emerged as the star turn of the club — witty, articulate, chivalrous, committed to supporting the rights of women players to join the club and to be allowed onto the course on a Sunday morning. "I'm a diabolical player," he admitted cheerfully. "I kid myself I enjoy it, but I don't really, I hate the game." Lockwood became an unlikely subject for interviewers, one of whom glowingly described him as "the most shameless octogenarian matinée idol I have had the pleasure of meeting". It was ironic that, after a lifetime as an excellent jobbing actor, Lockwood should suddenly become famous for just being himself.

While Lockwood was adept at playing to the television camera, he began his career in repertory, and "live" performance remained his real enthusiasm. His father worked for London Transport as a driving instructor, and he inherited his performing talents from his mother, who played the piano, and from an opera-singing aunt. He performed in local amateur dramatics, and made his West End debut in 1938 in *Troilus and Cressida*. During the war he joined the BBC's repertory company, and he remained with it once the war was over.

He remembered particularly the tribulations of broadcasting *Saturday Night Theatre* during the war. Because this was a "live" show, the entire cast had to rush down to the basement every time there was an air raid warning, and crowd around a single microphone. In 1946 he wrote a radio play entitled *An Actor's Life Is Not For Me*, which was broadcast by the BBC.

Lockwood was a tall, handsome man and reminded casting directors, in his youth, of Leslie Howard (who had died during the war). He had the same long, thin face and delicate bone structure. But unusually for one with his looks, radio was the forum he really enjoyed, and during the 1950s he scored a particular triumph by taking over the voice of Dennis the Dachshund, the friend of Larry the Lamb, in *Toytown*. This much-loved serial had first been broadcast in the 1930s, but was revised on *Children's Hour* again and again over the years. Although its author, S. G. Hulme Beaman, had died young (meaning that there were only a finite number of original stories), children adored the show, and it was later transferred, not so successfully, to television.

Lockwood's television credits included a regular part in *Tenko*, in which he played a doctor during the last series in the mid-1980s: a canon in the *Miss Marple* series; and in 1994 the vicar who dies to make way for the arrival of Dawn French in *The Vicar of Dibley* (Lockwood was particularly convincing in a pulpit). His film credits included the role of a publisher in *Lady Caroline Lamb* (1972), and a small part in David Lean's 1946 version of *Great Expectations* (Lockwood had also acted in a radio version of the novel). Recently he was the butler in the long-running Ferrero Roche chocolate advertisement.

Lockwood lived in Hatch End, Middlesex, for 45 years, close to Northwood's golf course (he died in Denville Hall, the actors' benevolent home near by). He had taken up the game twenty years ago but he had also played cricket and tennis.

He had no plans to retire, although lately he had found himself restricted by the dearth of roles for octogenarians. He made up for this by giving lectures to the Women's Institute, and to other local clubs, on his "weird and wonderful" life as an actor. Sometimes he spoke to 1,000 listeners at a time, sometimes to 30 or 40. Occasionally he was asked to speak in other parts of Britain, where his fame as a raconteur had spread.

He is survived by his wife Gerda, whom he married in 1945, and by a daughter.

PERSONAL COLUMN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LEGAL NOTICES

SIDLAW TEXTILES (JUTE) LIMITED

Registered No: 3098813.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at The Stakis Dundee Hotel, East Grey Place, Dundee, DD1 1DE at 2.30pm hours on 18th June 1996 for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the administrative receiver under section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors' committees by or under the Act. Creditors are only entitled to vote if:

(a) they have delivered to me at the address shown below, no later than 1200 hours on 17th June 1996 written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and

(b) there has been lodged with me any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Dated 17th May 1996

M.R. DORRINGTON, Administrative receiver of Poppleton & Appleby 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN.

LEGAL NOTICES

Registered number: 548928. Name of company: R Levy & Company Limited T/A Army and Navy Stores (Manor Park).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Levy Gee, 4th floor, Southfield House, 11 Liverpool Gardens, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 1RY on Friday, the 7th day of June 1996 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes of having a report by me, the Joint Administrative Receiver, laid before it together with a summary of the Statement of Affairs of the Company, and if thought fit, to appoint a Creditors' Committee. Forms of proxy are available which should be completed if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented, and returned to me at: Levy Gee 4th floor, Southfield House, 11 Liverpool Gardens, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 1RY by the date of the meeting.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged, together with written details of the claim, not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day of the meeting.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at this meeting.

The statutory report prepared by the Joint Administrative Receivers of the named Company, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, is available free of charge and on written request to me.

Dated: 15 May 1996

J.B. Richards, Joint Administrative Receivers

Re Leasehold Reform Act 1967 Re 2 Waterworks Cottages, Whitehall, Watton-at-Stone, Hertfordshire.

Any person claiming to be the freeholder or successor in title to John Hayward should communicate with Edward Norman Owen and Jean Owen C/O Messrs Seddons, 5 Portman Square, London W1H ONT.REF: KNP/OWE.08/1. Seddons Solicitors for the applicant 5 Portman Square, London W1H ONT.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

TO PLACE NOTICES FOR THIS SECTION PLEASE TELEPHONE

0171-782 7344

OR

FAX: 0171-782 7827

Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

LEGAL NOTICES

Gaff Promotions Limited IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, K.D. Goodman, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 16th May 1996. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove their debts will be given.

DATED THIS 16th May 1996

K.D. Goodman, FCA, Liquidator

HALWORTH LIMITED

Registered number: 2720660. Trading name: Hunters Lodge Hotel. Nature of business: Hoteliers. Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 10 May 1996. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Richard Copp and Anthony Peter Supperstone (office holder nos) 1788/01 and 2703/01). Address(es): BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

LICC (HOLDINGS) LIMITED t/as London International Cargo Centre

(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 26th June 1996 to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned K P Barry, FCA, of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd floor), London W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 15th day of May 1996

K P BARRY, Liquidator

In the High Court of Justice No 1925 of 1996 Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of YORKSHIRE CHEMICALS PLC and In the Matter of The Companies Act 1985

Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 1st May 1996 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £16,260,000 to £15,960,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the said Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 9th May 1996.

BOOTH & CO.

Sovereign House, South Parade, Leeds LS1 1HQ. Solicitors for the Company

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SOLE LIQUIDATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO CLAIM

A S McKAY LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)

Principal Trading Address: 6 Wrexle Close, Surbiton Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey. Company Number: 1739385.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 9 May 1996 Christopher Morris was appointed liquidator of the above named company creditors' voluntary winding up.

Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the liquidator at the following address under reference: CRD/JMJ/. Deloitte & Touche, PO Box 810, Hill House, 1 Little New Street, London EC4A 3TR.

STUDYHOME 1989 LIMITED

Company number 2358287

NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 SECTION 175 PURCHASE OF SHARES FROM CAPITAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. By a special resolution of the shareholders of the above-named Company approved on 20 May 1996 the payment out of the capital of £136,796.49 for the purpose of the Company acquiring 186482 ordinary shares of 90p each.

2. The full list of members whose shares are being repurchased is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.

3. The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 170, 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £136,796.49.

4. The statutory declaration of the directors' and the auditors' report required by section 173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.

5. Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the period of five weeks immediately following 20 May 1996 (being the date of the above-mentioned special resolution) apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payment.

In the High Court of Justice No: 001740 of 1996 Chancery Division Companies Court re: ICI CHEMICALS AND POLYMERS LIMITED and re: the Companies Act 1985

NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 8th May 1996 confirming the cancellation of the share premium account and the reduction of capital of the above-named Company from £1,000,000,000 to £846,162,571 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 9th May 1996.

Dated 17th May 1996

LINKLATERS & PAINES, Solicitors for the Company

LEGAL NOTICES

LICC (HOLDINGS) LIMITED t/as London International Cargo Centre

(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)

The Insolvency Act 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, K P Barry, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 10th May 1996. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated this 17th May 1996

K P BARRY, FCA, Liquidator

STUDYHOME 1990 LIMITED

Company number 2358307

NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 SECTION 175 PURCHASE OF SHARES FROM CAPITAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. By a special resolution of the shareholders of the above-named Company approved on 20 May 1996 the payment out of the capital of £253,620.92 for the purpose of the Company acquiring 287307 ordinary shares of 90p each.

2. The full list of members whose shares are being repurchased is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.

3. The amount of the permissible capital payment as defined by Sections 170, 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 was £253,620.92.

4. The statutory declaration of the directors' and the auditors' report required by section 173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company situated at The Old Mill, Park Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BS.

5. Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the period of five weeks immediately following 20 May 1996 (being the date of the above-mentioned special resolution) apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting the payment.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity: The Congregation of the [illegible] of the [illegible]

Scheme for the amendment of previous Scheme

Reference: AS/233084/38813

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at the offices of Blount Petre Kramer of 29 Weymouth Street, London W1N 4LQ, or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

ON THIS DAY

May 22, 1934

The elegant Kay Petre, who drove in tailored silk overalls, and who showed here that she was a driver to be reckoned with, was a year later driving a fearsome 10.5 litre V12 Delage round Brooklands at more than 135 mph. She lived to be 91.

MOTOR RACING
HIGH SPEEDS AT BROOKLANDS

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

There were 7,000 spectators at Brooklands yesterday, who saw some excellent racing at high speed. In winning the race for the Gold Star at 125.71 miles an hour Lord Howe broke the 3,000 c.c. class record by driving one lap at 129.70 miles an hour. He had held this record previously at a speed of 125.45 miles an hour.

Women drivers were allowed to race at this meeting for the first time on equal terms with men. Five of them took part in the events and victory went to one of them, Mrs. Petre, who won the Merrow Senior Short Handicap at the excellent speed of 100.04 miles an hour. Sir Malcolm Campbell made a spectacular sprint in the second Mountain race, passing R. Mays, but he finished only second, the race being won by W. E. Harker, who drove a Harker Special, a chassis with two four-cylinder M.G. Midget engines set V-wise. Another record was also broken by R. T. Horton (M.G.), who improved on his previous record of 119.72 miles an hour for Class "G" (supercharged) 1,100 c.c. cars by lapping in the Gold Star race at 120.59 miles an hour.

Miss I. C. Schwedler (Alvis) was at scratch in the first event. Embiricos's Bugatti (3sec.) quickly gained the lead from the limit car. E. L. Meeson's Hillman (1m. 8sec.) but, after completing 1½ laps broke down, allowing D. A. Aldington, in his Frazer Nash, to win at an average speed of 93.69 miles an hour.

Mrs. K. Petre in her Bugatti (23sec.) won the Senior Short Handicap. It was an excellent race, as the lead was changed every quarter of a mile as the back-markers picked up the long handicap cars. Miss R. Don (Lea Francis) led the field after the first lap to be overtaken by Mrs. K. Petre, who won a close race by 10 yards at an average of 100.04 miles an hour.

The First Mountain handicap, over five laps of the "Mountain" course, was won by A. J. Cormack in his Alta from the scratch mark V. S. Gilbert (Austin). 41sec, led the field for three circuits, hotly chased by Dr. Beaver, who passed the leader on the fourth lap, only to be deprived of the victory by Cormack on entering the finishing straight. In the Second Mountain handicap there was a good race, the two scratch cars, driven by Campbell and R. Mays respectively, making a great race of it. Neither, however, could overtake Harker, who won by 150 yards at 67.5 miles an hour.

THE BOY WHO BETRAYED HIS MOTHER

MOSCOW, May 21.-Pronya Kolibin is the newest Communist "hero." At the age of 13 he has won the praise of the Soviet authorities for reporting to them that his mother was stealing grain from a collective farm in a district near Moscow. Theft of this grain is a crime punishable by death.

The Soviet authorities have given Pronya cash prizes as a reward for betraying his mother. Pronya recorded his mother's misdeeds in verse, which is published in *Pravda*, the organ of the Russian Communist Party. Two of his lines read:-

You are a wrecker, mother,
I can live with you no more.

The mysterious decline of ITV

Was it only three years ago that the BBC's Director-General warned the corporation to brace itself for a drop towards a one-third share of the audience by the end of the decade? The warning was absolutely right. Only the name of the organisation was wrong.

It is ITV which is seeing its audience slowly eroded by satellite television. Figures released this week by the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising (IPA) show ITV's share of all viewing (that is terrestrial plus satellite) fell to 36.5 per cent for the first quarter of the year. A year ago, ITV garnered 38 per cent of all viewers during the same four months. Three years ago it held 40.9 per cent.

The BBC, on the other hand, is emerging virtually unscathed. BBC1 stands at 32.8 per cent, while BBC2 is triumphantly gaining viewers, now attracting an 11 per cent share, slightly ahead of Channel 4. Together the two BBC services command 43.8 per cent of the total. The main growth, all the same, is accounted for by satellite television (most of it provided by BSkyB, partly owned by the owners of *The Times*). Its share of the audience has climbed from 5.3 per cent in 1993 to 9.3 per cent.

BRENDA MADDOX

The message is clear. Satellite's gain has been almost entirely at ITV's expense. Armchair sociologists, therefore, will quickly conclude that ITV serves downmarket viewers, while the BBC's more upmarket audience would sooner buy a gnome for the garden than a dish for the roof. They will be wrong. Age, not class, is the main explanation. Although in its early days satellite television may have merited its "council house" label, its subscriber profile now resembles that of the population at large — except for having more children. Families with children are most likely to sign up for satellite television. The under-16s, according to the IPA's demographics, are the heaviest viewers among all age groups of the non-terrestrial channels.

This statistic is doubly sad for ITV, which has been labouring, with some success, to shed its elderly profile. If the newest viewers desert it, however, its rejuvenation will not last. ITV's most loyal audience, figures show, are the oldest and poorest: not the ideal target for advertisers.

Regaining lost charm is never an easy exercise and ITV Network Centre now must try, against the knowledge that a new competitor for viewers and advertisers is in the wings. Channel 5 starts up in January.

Not before time, ITV has begun polishing up its brand image and to market itself as "ITV3 — Britain's Most Popular Button". This claim is not misleading. The current slippage in decimal points which gives ITV executives nightmares nonetheless leaves ITV as the most-watched channel and its *Coronation Street* top of the charts with 16 million viewers two or three times a week. And it hopes to remedy its weaknessess. Its new sports contracts — notably Formula One racing and European Cup football — may help to calm advertisers.

But ITV is suffering from a structural weakness which, were it a living creature, would be called genetic. It is a federation of regional companies, who come together as a network for only part of the day. The rest of the airtime is filled by the regional companies with their own choice of programmes, not always of the best and brightest.

You have to feel a bit sorry for ITV's Network Centre, which has the task of designing ITV's peak-time schedules. It soldiers under two heavy and contradictory orders: to deliver mass audiences in the main evening hours, while at the same time meeting statutory public service obligations for programmes which can easily drive the masses away. For example, ITV was justly praised by its regulator, the Independent Television Commission, for the strength of its children's programmes, yet chided for not providing as much children's drama as promised. Yet if ITV really wanted to woo the kiddie audience, it could easily do so by showing non-stop cartoons. But this option is out of bounds on the heavily regulated terrestrial services.

But if demographics count, so too does flair. ITV, supposedly the home of good drama, still has six out of the top ten, led by *Peak Practice*. Yet in the new season started last autumn, it launched eight new peak-time shows, without (according to William Phillips of *Broadcast*) achieving one hit. In contrast, the BBC is basking in the success of such as *Ballykissangel*, *Silent Witness*, *Hamish Macbeth* and *Hetty Wainthropp Investigates*.

Some attribute the BBC's resurgence in drama to the arrival at the BBC three years ago this month of Charles Denton from independent production. He spent most of his first weeks saying that the pipeline for television drama is a long one, and that the results of any innovation of his would not be seen for several years.

The three years are up. The results are in. But Denton has cleared off. Departed from the BBC, too, is Nick Elliott, who was recruited from London Weekend Television, where he was drama king. He is now at ITV Network Centre, and if Denton's theory is right, ITV can expect its knack with drama to return.

Sadly for ITV, it will never be able to match the BBC's trump card: having two channels to play with, able to be worthy and populist at the same time.

THE LISTENER

THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Two little piggies go to market

THE battle of the pigs arrives in Britain soon, hammed up at a video store near you.

Babe, the phenomenally successful talking porker flick, is released on video in Britain in July by MCA/Universal, which claims it will become the bestselling non-Disney video of all time, selling more than ten million copies in the United States alone.

In a cynical spoiling operation, however, Disney has delved into its archive to find a talking-pig film of its own. Curiously, the film in question, *Gordy*, has been given a new cover almost identical to *Babe's*.

"Gordy has more street cred than Babe," says a spokeswoman for Disney distributors Buena Vista. "He wears a bandana and sunglasses, he's a snappier dresser, he swims and he likes country and western. He is the coolest talking pig around."

Over at MCA/Universal, executives were sniffy. "Let's just say you won't get a squeal out of Babe," one said.

Gordy versus *Babe*: the battle of the talking porkers is about to be joined between MCA/Universal and Disney

● *IN what could be one of the most spectacular examples of the poacher turning gamekeeper, Sir Nicholas Lloyd, former Editor of the* Daily Express, *is considering entering the wonderful world of public relations as a "media consultant".*

Intermediaries acting on Sir Nick's behalf have approached a number of leading PR outfits to see if they could accommodate him. So far, there have been no takers, raising the possibility that he may have to set up in business on his own.

"He would probably be quite valuable to a PR company that doesn't know Fleet Street editors," comments one industry insider.

Lip service

ANDREW MARR, the new Editor of *The Independent*, could tell he had secured the approval of his leader, David Montgomery, to change his newspaper's famous eagle masthead thanks to his newfound mastery of the "disappearing lips test". In dissenting mode, it seems, Monty has a way of pursing his lips that makes them disappear altogether. Acquiescence is indicated by a show of lips. News that Marr wanted to alter the masthead was greeted with only the faintest signs of a Montgomery pout. This was praise, indeed.

David Montgomery: pout

Meanwhile, some staff at *The Indy* appear to be having difficulty accepting Marr's elevated status. Not only was it the last paper to report his appointment to the editorship when it was first announced, but the day after he had taken over last week it was still listing Charlie Wilson as Editor. The following day, it listed no editor at all.

● *MAX HASTINGS's arrival as editor of the London* Evening Standard *in January has led to an unexpected boom at Kensington public library, situated just yards from the paper's offices. Copies of his august books on military history appear to be out on indefinite loan, thanks to the enthusiasm of the paper's more ambitious hacks, keen to ingratiate themselves with their leader.*

Lover's tiff

WHATEVER prompted Lord Hanson's intemperate attack on the British press and the poor standards in journalism in the current edition of *The Spectator*? Are we really living in an age of cynicism, fuelled by an all-pervasive "destructive" and "self-satisfied" journalism, and blind to the economic miracle wrought by the Tories? Or could it be that he is getting fed up with the tabloids' infatuation with the love life of his extremely eligible son, Robert?

Hello, there

GOOD news for fans of luvviesome gush. Word is that the celebrity magazine *Hello!* is in talks with television producers about the creation of a screen version. Red Door, a new independent production company, is working with Carlton television on a formula to get the *Hello!*-inspired magazine show on our screens.

Over at *Hello!*, however, the normally effusive staff remain surprisingly coy. "We've been approached by a great many television companies about putting our name to a television show, but to date we haven't acted on them," a spokeswoman said. "Which doesn't mean we won't stop and think this is the time to do it," she added mysteriously.

● *"Artistes" could be in for a difficult time if the latest rumour in the world of television is anything to go by. Feverish whispers around White City, the South Bank and Westminster have it that a meeting took place last week with far-reaching consequences for all. The rumoured delegates? Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, Marcus Plantin, director of the ITV Network Centre, and Alan Yentob, Controller of BBC1. The subject? Keeping artistes' payments down.*

Word has it that the three executives may try to come to some agreement to make sure payments to our on-screen stars don't rocket sky high. We watch and wait . . .

Cynthia Payne: "No smut"

Off the shelf

CYNTHIA PAYNE, the former madam immortalised for her "entertainment" of establishment gentlemen, is in trouble again. Not with the law this time, but with WH Smith, that worthy high street retailer. It has apparently banned Ms Payne's new video, *House of Cyn*, from its stores.

The film, produced by David Wilkinson with a BBC film crew, follows Ms Payne as she visits the houses where she used to, cough, entertain, and purports to be the true story of her life. "It really isn't smutty at all, it's just terribly funny," she says. "A lot of original people are in the film, although because most of my girls are now grandmothers we had to hire actresses to play them.

WH Smith insists that the video was refused because it was not considered a potential commercial success. Wilkinson maintains, however, that Smith's specifically told him it was "too distasteful" for its shelves. Surely not . . .

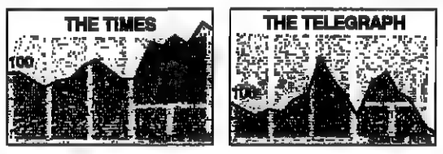
'Newspaper success of the century'

ON Saturday last week, *The Times* proclaimed that it was enjoying "its greatest success this century". It is a bold claim that is vindicated by the story of the past three years.

When *The Times* decided to cut its price from 45p to 30p in September 1993, sales of the four main broadsheet nationals had fallen by 68,000 in a year and the strategy was derided throughout Fleet Street. Yet reducing the price of *The Times* has proved to be one of the most successful marketing tactics in newspaper history.

Thousands of new readers were encouraged to buy it on trial. They discovered that it was not the stuffy paper they had imagined. They enjoyed what they read and thousands decided to buy the paper regularly. Over a year 90 million more copies of *The Times* are now being sold and sales of the four main broadsheets are up by 276,000.

READERSHIP: 25-44-YEAR-OLDS



Sales of *The Times* in August 1993 were 354,000 a day. Sales last month were 654,000, an increase of 300,000 copies a day. Against that 85 per cent increase, sales of *The Daily Telegraph* are up by 0.5 per cent. A gap of nearly 700,000 between the two papers has been reduced to less than 400,000. *The Daily Telegraph* circulation is also inflated by "bulk sales", newspapers given away by hotels, airlines or DIY stores, which were 35,000 last month. At the full price, it sold 998,000 and fell below a million.

As *The Times* has achieved increased readership — measured by the number who read each copy — of 400,000, readership of *The Daily Telegraph* has fallen by more than 250,000 and the number of readers per copy has declined even more sharply. Meanwhile, the share of the quality market (excluding the *FT*) claimed by *The Times* has risen by 9 percentage points (65 per cent) against a 3 percentage points drop (down 6 per cent) for *The Daily Telegraph*.

Yet the most significant index of a newspaper's health and future is the number of its young readers. With 631,000 reading an average issue this year, *The Times* has overtaken *The Daily Telegraph* as the newspaper read by affluent ABC1 25-44-year-olds so coveted by advertisers.

BRIAN MACARTHUR

Police in copyright dispute

POLICE officers have threatened to start charging journalists for information to counter plans by national newspapers to charge them for copying press cuttings.

The Newspaper Licensing Agency (NLA) intends to charge colleges, schools, press offices and businesses up to 2p a copy for the right to reproduce cuttings from participating newspapers. The potential revenue has been estimated at between £3.2 and £6.4 million a year.

However, the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) is refusing to pay "as a matter of principle". It says the cost could force it to place price tags on interviews with police officers and press conferences. "There is a strong issue at stake," says John Deal, Acpo spokesman. "It is ludicrous that we have to pay every time we copy an article, the information for which has often been provided by us."

Andrew Hughes, chief executive of the NLA, says he understands that the police feel they have a different role to play compared with private organisations. "However, there is rather more to producing a newspaper than the services of PRs and police officers," he says.

Legal action is a possible option to resolve the dispute. "We think there are certain elements of the copyright laws which have not been tested in court," Mr Deal says.

But Mr Hughes adds: "I hope that the police will think carefully about the consequences of operating a copying service without consulting the copyright owners."

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Key players kept on the sidelines

Parliamentary private secretary **Peter Atkinson** explains why he is opposed to the Government's Broadcasting Bill

MARTIN MAYER.NETWORK

The future of information and entertainment provision lies on screen. But unless it allows industry leaders to take part, can Britain ever hope to lead the revolution?

THE Broadcasting Bill should provide a great opportunity for the UK to be a leader in one of the great developing enterprises of the next century, the media revolution. But will it?

All the ingredients are there: skill, talent, money and above all, the English language. But there is a danger of failure because of one significant problem: government's reluctance to relinquish its remaining controls on the industry.

Even a Conservative Government with a commitment to free markets and deregulation is finding it hard to let go of the reins which prevent broadcasters and newspaper publishers from entering a truly free market which will be the making of this new world.

The reasons for this are complex. Much of it is to do with history and the uneasy relationship which politicians and journalists have. We need them, they need us. Politicians give journalists special privileges, lobby passes and unattributable briefings. We wine and dine each other but a deep-seated mistrust persists.

Historically newspapers have escaped the net of government restriction (apart from in times of war) but broadcasting has not, for the convenient reason that wavelengths are limited. This has enabled governments to "nationalise" the means of distribution, raise money from it (licence fees, commercial TV and radio tenders) and bully it over programme content.

And hard luck if you run a "listed" sporting event. You cannot sell your own copyright to the highest bidder if you so wish. You have to sell it as best you can to a free-to-air service.

The Broadcasting Bill was drafted in the face of inevitable change. Space in the air is no longer limited. Cable passes millions of front doors, satellite rains down upon us and digital technology will increase the capacity of all delivery systems enormously.

Tomorrow's world will belong to the screen, yet the Bill contains restrictions on newspaper publishers from ownership of terrestrial radio and Channel 5 (ITV) stations, whether they are transmitted via digital or analogue systems.

Does it matter? Yes it does, both on the grounds of principle and in fact. The Bill seeks to prevent national newspapers with more than 20 per cent of the UK newspaper market from owning more than 20 per cent of any radio or Channel 5 company. Regional newspapers with more than 20 per cent of the local market will face similar prohibitions.

This will mean that the Mirror Group (*Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror, The People* and a share of *The Independent*) and News International (*The Sun, News of the World, The Sunday Times* and *The Times*) are excluded, along with many successful regional papers which control more than 20 per cent of their market.

On principle this is wrong. Success should be rewarded, not punished. On principle, News International and Rupert Murdoch are entitled to better treatment from a Conservative Government.

In every respect, Mr Murdoch should be a Tory hero. He revived a failing *Sun* (formerly the trade union-owned *Daily Herald*). He took on the print unions which were destroying the newspaper industry in a sophisticated operation which still astounds those who knew about it.

He cut cover prices, increased content and boosted the fortunes of all other newspaper publishers who rode on the back of his efforts. There would be no *Independent* and possibly no *Times* if it was not for him.

The millions of pounds he invested in satellite TV established the medium in this country. The access systems and the billing systems have allowed other, independent, channels to start broadcasting.

Our regional newspapers deserve a better deal too. My own local newspaper group, Newcastle Chronicle and Journal, publishers of an evening newspaper, a morning and a Sunday, faces real threats and real opportunities from the communication revolution.

The company invests many millions of pounds a year in journalism, which remains the bedrock of successful newspapers. Faced with an erosion of the printed word, it might well wish — indeed need — to expand its journalism into broadcasting. But it cannot under the Bill.

In amendments to the Bill, we have sought a simple compromise: that newspapers which seek to move into broadcasting should be treated individually. A public interest test should be applied in every case. There should be no automatic prohibitions.

The real debate on this issue has been obscured by an historical political mistrust of press barons, by criticisms of the political stance of newspapers ("It was *The Sun* Wot Won It") and by the manoeuvring of some senior newspaper industry figures who would like nothing better than to have a clear run at expansion into television without two strong players in the field.

Those who fear Mr Murdoch are worrying themselves unnecessarily. For the Bill contains yet another prohibition. Channel 5 licences cannot be held by companies controlled from outside the European Union. Goodbye Mr Murdoch. Goodbye Mr Black and the *Telegraph*.

Hello, Berlusconi. Hello, Bertlesmann.

● *The author is MP for Hexham.*

Alex Benady on a new place for the elderly in advertising

The old, old story by Levi

WITH an average age of 51, Bartle Bogle Hegarty, once the golden-haired boys of British advertising, are rapidly turning into its silver-haired men. But the fact that BBH are past their prime (along with many others in the supposedly youthful advertising industry), has absolutely nothing to do with a recent spate of ads for well-known brands featuring old people.

The latest is BBH's campaign for Levis Red Tab jeans, due to appear in the August edition of the style press. The ads fly in the face of fashion orthodoxy by using as models wrinklies aged between 60 and 86, complete with leathery complexions, sagging jowls and wispy grey hair.

The campaign forms part of Levis' £8 million marketing budget earmarked for the United Kingdom this year, but the ads are not about the glories of old age. Gwyn Jones, 29, the account director, says: "Levis strategy is to present itself as the original and authentic jeans. These ads show the original people who wore the clothes and are really about the 145-year heritage of the brand."

The decision to use old people was made by the art director Steve Hudson, 30, and copywriter Victoria Fallon, 29. "Levis is an old brand. We thought it would be interesting to see who wore them right from the start," says Fallon.

The campaign has been welcomed as a breath of fresh air. "It is fantastic to see old people being treated in such an unstereotypical way," says Steve Henry, 41, creative partner at Howell Henry Chaldecott Lury.

Gary Duckworth, 41, the chairman of Duckworth Finn Grubb Waters, says that the campaign is the start of a re-evaluation of the way advertising portrays old people. "With an ageing and affluent population, more ads with favourable portrayals of the old are inevitable," he says.

☐ Airbus consumer campaign: advertising for aeroplanes is usually dreary, involving the odd page in business-to-business titles such as *The Pilot* and *Aeronautical Engineer*. Euro RSCG Wnek Gosper is set to change all that after a £10 million commission from Airbus Industrie.

Airbus is locked in battle with the American manufacturer Boeing and wants its new agency to prepare a worldwide television and press campaign targeting consumers for the first time.

The industry response has been to point out that ordinary people can't buy long-haul jets, so why bother? But there is sound logic behind Airbus's plan, says Brett Gosper, the chief executive of Euro RSCG Wnek Gosper.

"Airlines do extensive consumer research on the quality of aircraft. One aim of this campaign will be to influence perceptions of the quality of Airbus planes which will then feed back to airline buyers," Gosper says. The campaign breaks in August.

Howard nudges ahead on the front pages

PAPER ROUND
Brian MacArthur

With the paperback of *Enigma*, his second novel, riding high in the bestseller lists, Robert Harris has been lured back to *The Sunday Times*, where he is writing about politics in the run-up to the general election. It is the best hiring by the paper since he left four years ago.

On Sunday, Harris argued that we should ignore the bores and pedants who said that British political journalism concentrated too much on personalities and not enough on policy. Suetonius got it right nearly 2,000 years ago. Ambition, vanity, power for the sake of power, conquest for the sake of conquest were the very stuff of politics.

Harris was discussing the "poisonous gavotte" at the top of the Labour Party. Yet his argument applies equally to the gavotte at the top of the Conservative Party and especially to the early manoeuvring for the succession to John Major — in which two powerful contenders will be Michael Howard and Kenneth Clarke.

They are politicians with utterly different personalities, one bluff and blunt, the other subtle and insinuating, and Fleet Street is following the early skirmishes with fascination. Judged by the verdict of the Tory press last week, shares in Howard were rising as those in Clarke fell.

None of the potential contenders pays quite such assiduous attention to their relationship with newspapers as Mr Howard. He courts editors, leader writers, political correspondents and specialist home affairs reporters and has in Patrick Rock a spin-doctor whom lobby correspondents describe as the best political adviser in Whitehall.

Some editors are approached by Howard directly so that his message goes straight to the top. Leader writers are told that he will be happy to talk to them — and at their convenience. As a good lawyer, they find Howard difficult to argue with, yet unfailingly courteous even if they disagree with him.

It all helps to give Howard a more sympathetic press, especially where it matters most — in winning editorial support from the increasingly Euro-sceptic Tory press. Nor does it do his cause any harm that he is so reviled by *The Guardian*, *The Observer* and the *Daily Mirror*, for it his opposition to the views of *Guardian* readers that makes him so appealing to *The Sun*, *Daily Mail* and *The Daily Telegraph*.

As *The Observer* asks: "Is this man the worst Home Secretary ever?" and gets the answer from four establishment liberals that he certainly is, or *The Guardian* describes him as "a man with no shame", so *The Sun* says that it's the law that's wrong, not Michael Howard.

Both Howard and Clarke made speeches last Friday on Europe. Clarke made a powerful attack on Euro-sceptics and derided the idea that Britain should become a Switzerland with nuclear weapons. Meanwhile, Howard attacked the European Court of Justice and raised the prospect of Britain "repatriating" to Parliament some powers exercised by Brussels — and it was he who won the battle of the Saturday headlines.

"Howard attacks Europe 'tyrants'", said *The Daily Telegraph*. "Howard splits Cabinet on Europe", replied *The Independent*. At the *Daily Mail*, they were comparing and contrasting. Once again, Clarke had shown his willingness to sacrifice the unity of his party on the altar of his obsessions over Europe, the paper argued; how refreshing that Mr Howard had emphasised that Britain had signed up to an outward-looking free trading community of national states — not to a federal adventure.

At *The Daily Telegraph*, Mr Howard had at a stroke moved ahead of his colleagues and made them look out of touch. He had thrown down his glove for a leadership contest and in the wake of an election defeat could present himself as that most attractive of figures to Tory MPs: an effective Euro-sceptic loyalist.

As *The Observer* gave Howard a kicking last Sunday, so Andrew Neil was putting the boot into Clarke in *The Sunday Times*, accusing him of leading the Tories to oblivion. There was some consolation for Clarke, however. He was able to reiterate his argument for Europe in Britain's biggest-selling newspaper, the *News of the World* (sale 4.5 million).

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■ John Major triggered Britain's biggest confrontation with Europe when, furious over its refusal to ease the ban on British beef, he declared that he was blocking all important progress in the European Union until further notice.

The Prime Minister delighted Tory MPs by announcing that until the ban on beef byproducts was lifted and there was a clear "framework" for raising the wider embargo, he would veto all key EU decisions ..... Pages 1, 2, 10

Lottery urged to give more to charity

■ The National Lottery regulator should be stripped of some powers and the organiser Camelot should give more money to charity, MPs said. A Commons report called on the National Heritage Secretary to review rules governing Oflot's supervision of the lottery ..... Page 1

600 die as ferry sinks

Up to 600 people were drowned when an overloaded Tanzanian ferry capsized and sank on Lake Victoria. Forty survivors were rescued from the crocodile-infested waters ..... Page 1

Cancer drug fortunes

Staff of a little-known pharmaceutical company made their fortunes after positive clinical results from a new cancer drug, Marimastat, swept their firm into the big league ..... Page 1

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A boy of four who was dying of leukaemia has become the recipient of Britain's first umbilical-cord cell transplant after the birth of his baby brother ..... Page 3

Price of justice

An American law firm is seeking three solicitors for its London office who will be paid up to £700,000 a year ..... Page 5

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A motorist stabbed to death during in a "road rage" attack did nothing to provoke his killer other than shake his head in disapproval at a poor overtaking manoeuvre, police said ..... Page 6

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The struggling Eurostar train service was relaunched with new fares including a £49 lowest return ticket to Paris and Brussels and a £99 service to the South of France ..... Page 8

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A two-year-old boy was in shock after he watched his mother being raped in a secluded lane by a knife-wielding attacker .. Page 9

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Fewer than one in ten GP fundholders is achieving significant benefits for patients despite over £230 million being spent on running the scheme, a report has found ..... Page 11

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The US Administration is urging Russia and Ukraine to rebuff covert Chinese attempts to buy missile technology that would give China the capacity to threaten American cities ..... Page 12

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Natan Sharansky, ten years after his release from a Soviet prison, is likely to be made a Cabinet minister in the next Israeli government, whichever party is victorious ..... Page 13

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Nurses and hospital orderlies have joined bus drivers, dustmen, postmen and civil servants in a nationwide campaign of short protest strikes that is bringing chaos to Germany ..... Page 14

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The arrest of Italy's top Mafia boss in a raid by 400 heavily armed police at a seaside villa in Sicily was greeted with relief throughout Italy ..... Page 15

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■ Almost a century after Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin weighed the anchor on his pioneering airship, the Germans have announced plans to fill the skies with a new generation of airships. The Zeppelin NT, developed at the count's old base in Friedrichshafen, southern Germany, is trimmer, cleaner and, one hopes, safer ..... Page 14

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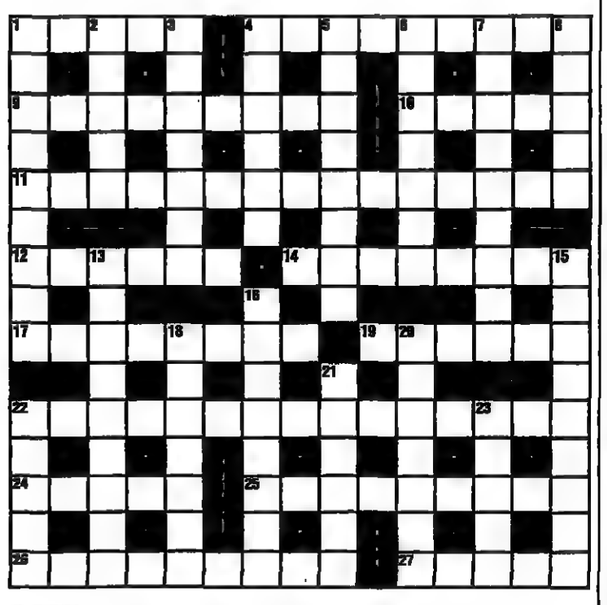

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ESCUDO L T A O
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Tain Range, Highland, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Machrihanish, Strathclyde, 0.47in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, 14.5hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** East Anglia and other extreme eastern parts of England will start the day dry but cloud and rain already affecting the rest of England and Wales will soon arrive. Later in the day the rain should soon turn patchy but it will stay cloudy. Northeast Scotland and the Northern Isles will start dry but will soon see thickening cloud which will bring rain to all but Shetland in the afternoon. Rest of Scotland and Northern Ireland cloudy with rain at times.

☐ **London, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Central N:** mostly cloudy with rain, turning more patchy later, perhaps with some brightness. Wind southerly fresh, locally strong, turning southwesterly later. Max temp 14-16C (57-61F).

☐ **SE England, E Anglia, E England, Channel Isles, NE England:** dry and cloudy at first. Rain soon spreading from the west and becoming persistent. Wind southerly fresh to strong. Max temp 13-15C (55-59F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** cloudy with persistent rain in the morning, turning patchy later. Wind south or southeasterly strong to near gale turning southwesterly fresh. Max temp 13-14C (55-57F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** dry at first but cloudy with rain soon spreading from the west. Rain becoming persistent and quite heavy at times. Wind southeasterly fresh to strong, locally near gale. Max temp 11-12C (52-54F).

☐ **Orkney:** dry but mostly cloudy morning. Rain setting in for the afternoon and evening. Wind southeasterly fresh to strong, perhaps near gale. Max temp 11C (52F).

☐ **Shetland:** dry, perhaps bright, at first but rain by late afternoon. Wind southeasterly strong, perhaps near gale. Max temp 10C (50F).

☐ **Outlook:** Rain initially in Scotland and the South, otherwise bright with showers.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	14.5	0.02	14	57	s	London	9.3	0.01	16	61	b
Anglesey	6.5	0.06	13	55	c	Lowestoft	7.2	0.04	15	59	f
Aspatria	11.8	0.05	13	55	sh	Manchester	9.7	0.08	14	57	f
Aviemore	6.1	0.01	13	55	sh	Margate	7.4	0.15	15	59	f
Belfast	0.6	0.28	13	55	sh	Minehead	5.3	0.23	16	59	sh
Birmingham	8.8	0.10	14	57	f	Morecambe	10.7	0.02	14	57	s
Bognor R	13.4	0.01	14	57	s	Newcastle	X				
Bournem'th	14.1	-	15	59	s	Newquay	6.2	0.10	14	57	b
Bristol	10.8	0.03	15	59	sh	Norwich	6.7	0.06	16	61	b
Buxton	9.2	0.06	13	55	s	Oxford	10.8	0.12	15	59	sh
Cardiff	10.2	0.15	14	57	sh	Pembroke	X	0.04	14	57	r
Clacton	10.8	0.02	11	52	s	Poole	X				
Cromer	7.9	0.02	14	57	s	Prestatyn	X	0.02	15	59	sh
Dunbar	10.8	0.01	16	61	sh	Ross-o-wye	10.4	0.12	15	59	s
Eastbourne	12.2	0.01	13	55	s	Ryde	14.1	0.06	15	59	s
Edinburgh	8.9	0.02	14	57	sh	Salcombe	11.0	0.09	14	57	s
Eskdalemuir	6.0	0.06	11	52	h	Sandown	13.5	0.08	14	57	s
Exmouth	8.8	0.14	15	59	h	Saunton Strd	10.1	0.06	14	57	s
Falmouth	8.3	0.19	15	59	sh	Scarboro'	10.3	-	15	59	c
Fishguard	10.3	0.07	13	55	s	Shanklin	X				
Folkestone	11.0	0.02	15	59	sh	Shrewsbury	10.2	0.09	14	57	sh
Glasgow	4.1	0.05	12	54	sh	Skegness	10.2	0.01	16	61	s
Guernsey	13.2	0.18	16	61	s	Southend	X				
Hastings	11.2	0.01	14	57	s	Southport	X				
Hayling I.	12.8	0.04	14	57	s	Southsea	11.9	0.02	13	55	s
Herne Bay	7.5	0.08	15	59	f	Skerries	9.0	0.01	13	55	b
Hove	10.9	0.01	13	55	b	Swanage	13.5	0.03	14	57	s
Hunstanton	11.0	0.01	15	59	s	Teignmouth	9.3	0.04	15	59	sh
Isle of Man	8.5	0.10	12	54	b	Tenby	X				
Jersey	12.6	0.01	15	59	s	Tiree	8.6	0.10	12	54	sh
Kinloss	8.5	-	16	61	b	Torquay	10.4	0.04	16	61	s
Leeds	11.4	0.06	15	59	f	Tynemouth	X				
Lerwick	-	-	8	46	du	Valentia	12.9	0.05	12	54	sh
Littlehmptn	12.4	0.01	14	57	s	Weymouth	13.6	0.03	13	55	s

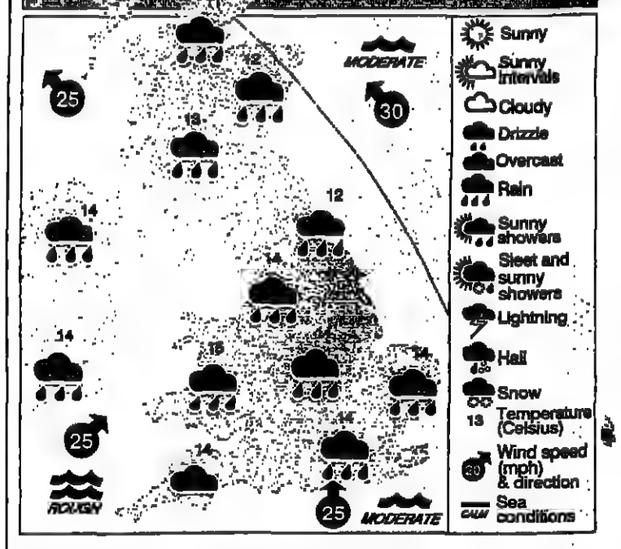
ABROAD

Ajaccio	21	70	f	Corfu	24	75	s	Madrid	15	59	c
Akrotiri	27	81	s	C'phagn	7	45	r	Majorca	20	68	s
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Dublin	13	55	f	Malaga	22	72	s
Algiers	21	70	f	Dubrovnik	18	64	r	Malta	23	73	s
Amst'dm	14	57	c	Faro	19	66	f	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Athens	28	82	s	Florence	21	70	f	Mexico C	24	75	s
B Aires	X			Frankfurt	17	63	f	Miami	29	84	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Geneva	15	59	f	Milan	22	72	f
Bangkok	32	90	f	Gibraltar	20	68	s	Montreal	25	77	s
Barbados	30	86	s	Guernsey	13	55	s	Moscow	13	55	c
Barcelona	21	70	s	Helsinki	12	54	s	Munich	11	52	r
Beirut	23	73	s	Innsbrck	10	50	r	N Delhi	33	91	s
Belgrade	20	68	c	Invrness	13	55	f	N York	34	93	s
Berlin	12	54	c	Istanbul	25	77	s	Nairobi	21	70	r
Bermuda	23	73	c	Jeddah	36	97	f	Naples	20	68	s
Biarritz	16	61	s	Jersey	14	57	s	Nice	20	68	f
Borde'x	16	61	c	Jo'burg	19	66	f	Oslo	12	54	s
Brussels	14	57	f	L Angeles	22	72	s	Paris	15	59	f
Budapst	18	64	r	L Palmas	22	72	f	Peking	28	82	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Le Touqt	13	55	f	Perth	21	70	c
Cape Tn	X			Lisbon	19	66	c	Prague	14	57	f
Ch'church	X			Locarno	11	52	c	Reykjavik	8	46	s
Chicago	15	59	f	Luxembg	15	59	f	Rhodes	25	77	s
Cologne	16	61	s	Luxor	39	102	s	Rio de J	25	77	f

Riyadh	38	100	s	Sydney	17	63	f
Rome	21	70	f	Tangier	20	68	s
Ronaldsway	11	52	s	Tel Aviv	25	77	s
S Fr'isco	17	63	s	Tenerife	21	70	c
S Paulo	21	70	c	Tokyo	21	70	f
Salzburg	11	52	r	Toronto	26	79	c
Santiago	17	63	s	Tunis	23	73	f
Seoul	19	66	c	Valencia	22	72	s
Sing'por	32	90	f	Vanc'ver	13	55	f
Strasb'rg	13	55	f	Venice	18	64	f
Sydney	17	63	f	Vienna	14	57	r
Tangier	20	68	s	Warsaw	21	70	f
Tel Aviv	25	77	s	Wash'ton	35	95	s
Tenerife	21	70	c	Zurich	13	55	f
Tokyo	21	70	f				
Toronto	26	79	c				
Tunis	23	73	f				
Valencia	22	72	s				
Vanc'ver	13	55	f				
Venice	18	64	f				
Vienna	14	57	r				
Warsaw	21	70	f				
Wash'ton	35	95	s				
Zurich	13	55	f				

Temperatures at midday local time Monday X = not available

MORNING TODAY



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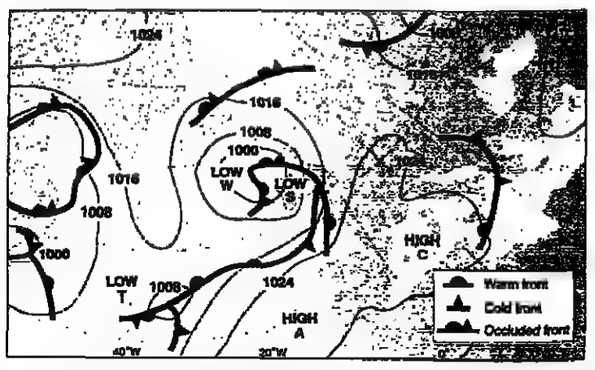

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.33	6.7	4.39	6.6	Leith	5.14	5.0	5.47	4.8
Aberdeen	4.00	3.8	4.32	3.6	Liverpool	1.42	8.6	2.07	8.4
Avonmouth	9.50	11.6	9.59	11.5	Lowestoft	0.16	2.2	12.15	2.3
Belfast	1.56	3.5	2.22	3.1	Margate	2.45	4.4	2.50	4.4
Cardiff	9.42	10.8	9.50	10.9	Milford Haven	8.58	6.0	9.12	6.0
Devonport	8.19	4.8	8.29	5.0	Newquay	7.52	5.8	8.12	5.9
Dover	1.41	6.2	2.03	6.2	Oban	8.23	3.4	8.31	3.5
Dublin (N Wall)	2.10	3.8	2.43	3.5	Penzance	7.24	4.9	7.42	4.9
Falmouth	7.54	4.3	8.17	4.6	Portland	9.16	1.6	9.18	1.7
Greenock	3.04	3.4	3.43	3.0	Portsmouth	1.47	4.4	2.20	4.3
Harwich	2.23	3.7	2.36	3.7	Shoreham	1.40	5.6	2.10	5.6
Holyhead	0.48	5.2	1.15	4.9	Southampton	1.18	4.2	1.42	4.2
Hull (Albert D)	8.51	6.7	9.23	6.3	Swansea	9.01	8.4	9.12	8.4
Ilfracombe	8.46	8.2	8.59	8.2	Tees	6.22	4.9	6.54	4.6
King's Lynn	8.59	6.0	9.21	5.6	Walton-on-Naze	2.18	3.9	2.29	3.8

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.59 am
Sun sets: 8.56 pm
Moon sets: -
Moon rises: 9.24 am

London 8.56 pm to 4.58 am
Bristol 9.06 pm to 5.08 am
Edinburgh 9.32 pm to 4.47 am
Manchester 9.15 pm to 4.56 am
Penzance 9.12 pm to 5.25 am

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JOEL CHANT

Dr Keith McCullagh, right, a founder and chief executive of Biotech, with James Noble, finance director, at the company's offices in Oxford

Cancer drug hopes fuel boom in Biotech shares

By Eric Reguly

SHARES in British Biotech rose to a record high yesterday, valuing the company at about £1.9 billion, after it reported positive clinical results from Marimastat, its promising cancer treatment.

The shares closed at £33.15, up 285p, after climbing 185p on Monday. Volume was two million shares. At one point, the shares went as high as £38.88. British Biotech's stock market value is now comparable to Railtrack, Dixons, Storehouse, Thames Water and Euro Disney. When the company floated at 425p in 1992, it was worth only £150 million and appeared to have little chance of survival.

Marimastat is designed to slow the spread of "hard" tumours generated by a broad range of cancers, including lung, pancreatic, ovarian, prostate and colorectal cancers. It works by blocking hostile enzymes, MMPs, that spew from malignant tumours to create secondary tumours. Patients who respond to the treatment — it was effective in some 50 per cent of cases — live longer and more comfortably. However, the drug does not actually kill the cancer and is ineffective against blood cancers such as leukaemia.

Success in the so-called phase 2 trials means that Marimastat can proceed to phase 3, the final stage of testing. Historically, a drug that enters phase 3 trials has a better than 60 per cent chance of a commercial launch.

James Noble, finance director, said that phase 3 trials, which will compare Marimastat's effectiveness against other treatments, are to begin immediately and will last about two years. The first trial will test the drug's effectiveness against pancreatic cancer in some 300 patients. If the trials are a success, the drug could launch commercially in 1999. Marimastat has patent protection until 2013.

Some analysts think that the drug has enormous sales potential because it can treat so many kinds of cancers. The company estimates that, at any one time, there are between five million and seven million cancer patients in America and Europe that might benefit.

By comparison, Lexipafant, another cancer drug being developed by British Biotech, may benefit only about 250,000 patients. Lexipafant, designed to treat acute pancreatitis, is in phase 3 trials and probably will come to market in 1998, making it the company's first commercial product.

British Biotech estimates that the soaring share price has made millionaires of 15 to 20 of its 350 employees. Almost all employees were given options last November to buy shares at £8.32 apiece. The profit on each option today would be about £25.

Keith McCullagh, one of the founders who is now chief executive, has seen his basic stake rise to £27.2 million from just £3.3 million in February 1995. Mr Noble's stake is valued at about £7 million.

British Biotech was founded in 1986. In 1989, it persuaded British institutions to pump £23 million into the company to fund its cancer research. Three years later, it threatened to move to America after the Stock Exchange refused to list its shares because there were no profits in sight.

British Biotech, which has no income, will have to tap shareholders within 18 months to fund the development of Marimastat and other drugs. It has £70 million, which is being used at a rate of £3 million a month.

Analysts estimate that a rights issue would dilute investors' holdings by 5 to 10 per cent. Since its flotation, it has raised about £91 million through rights issues and the exercise of warrants.

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M&S to create 1,000 jobs as profit nears £1bn

By Sarah Bagnall

MARKS & SPENCER, Britain's biggest retailer, yesterday announced a better than expected rise in profits, to nearly £1 billion, and disclosed plans to create more than 1,000 jobs in the current year.

About 40,000 M&S staff will share in a £20 million share windfall, receiving amounts equal to 5 per cent of their salary, under M&S's profit-sharing scheme.

Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, said that there were indications of recovery in consumer confidence. "There is every sign that the customer is coming out of the trenches," he said. "Not a boom, but it is looking much better."

The chairman added: "With signs of improving consumer confidence in the UK, we are well placed to benefit from a sustained revival."

Current sales growth was "very good," he said.

M&S outstripped the most optimistic of analyst forecasts with a £67 million rise in pre-tax profits from continuing operations, to £994 million, in the year to March 31. There was a 6.3 per cent rise in sales, to £7.2 billion. The shares rose 29½p to 462p.

Profits were helped by a marked upturn in the American businesses — Brooks Brothers and Kings Super markets — and a 64 per cent leap in net interest income, to £55.2 million.

Profits would have broken the £1 billion barrier if M&S had not had to fund a shortfall in its pension fund, which cost £18.1 million, and had not suffered a £25 million loss on the sale of the D'Allairds business in Canada.

M&S created 1,500 jobs last year, mainly to improve service in the non-food part of its UK business. Sir Richard said: "We are in an increasingly service-orientated retail climate and people are prepared to pay more, up to a point."

The group intends to create more than 1,000 jobs in the current year as it opens new stores and continues its programme of store extensions and refurbishments.

In the UK, M&S plans to open two new stores and to refurbish 14. Last year, three new stores lifted the total to 285, and there were 12 store extensions.

The extensions and new stores helped the group to lift UK operating profits by 4.5 per cent, to £885.4 million. The performance was in spite of the extra pension fund cost and the need to mark down £90 million of unsold clothing stock hanging over from last autumn, when UK retailers suffered from unseasonally warm weather. However, Sir Richard said: "We traded well throughout the rest of the year and therefore retained our market share and margins."

All UK trading divisions reported improved performances, with clothing, footwear and gifts notching up a 3.9 per cent sales advance, home furnishings an 8.4 per cent rise and food a 5.4 per cent increase.

M&S's overseas businesses, which, together with franchises, account for 17 per cent of total sales, suffered mixed fortunes. In continental Europe, results were hit by poor economic conditions and social unrest in France last year.

Better news emerged from the US, where Brooks Brothers lifted profits by 81.4 per cent, to £10.7 million, reflecting benefits of management changes. Referring to the improved performance, Sir Richard said: "Retailing is a marathon, not a sprint, and we still have a long long way to go."

Financial services lifted profits by 25.6 per cent, to £61.4 million.

The final dividend rises to 8.4p, making a total for the year of 11.4p, up from 10.3p last time. The dividend, due on August 2, is payable from earnings per share of 23.3p, up from 22.4p.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3789.4	(+11.2)
Yield	3.97%	
FT-SE A All share	1903.38	(+4.89)
Nikkei	22091.74	(+112.74)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5742.17	(-5.65)*
S&P Composite	674.03	(+0.88)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 1/16%*	(5 1/16%)
Long Bond	89 9/32*	(89 11/32)
Yield	6.83%*	(6.83%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 7/16%	(6 7/16%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	106 7/16	(106 21/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5118*	(1.5145)
London:		
$	1.5136	(1.5122)
DM	2.3331	(2.3207)
FFr	7.8954	(7.8524)
SFr	1.9163	(1.9095)
Yen	162.04	(161.97)
£ Index	84.8	(84.5)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5410*	(1.5340)
FFr	5.2190*	(5.1977)
SFr	1.2670*	(1.2620)
Yen	106.58*	(107.10)
$ Index	97.2	(97.2)

Tokyo close Yen 108.95

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug) $18.00 ($18.15)

GOLD

London close $390.05 ($391.25)

* denotes midday trading price

DTI asks court to demolish 'pyramid'

By Robert Miller

IAN LANG, the President of the Board of Trade, has moved to close down the UK arm of a German-based organisation running a money-making scheme described in Parliament as "an iniquitous scam".

Lawyers for the Department of Trade and Industry yesterday appeared before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division, in the High Court to petition for a provisional liquidator to be appointed to three companies. The DTI described the scheme run by Titan Business Club, Titan Marketing Gesellschaft, which is based in Hamburg, and SHV Senator Hanseatische Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH, as "an illegal lottery".

John McDonnell, QC, for Titan, said the German courts had found the operation to be legal. He added it would be "quite wrong" for the English courts to believe that they had any jurisdiction to entertain the DTI petition.

The Titan operation was raised in Parliament last month by David Rendel, Liberal Democrat MP for Newbury, who described the scheme as "a highly secretive pyramid selling scam".

He said: "The scheme appears to be very simple. Each participant pay £2,500 for the dubious privilege of joining the club. He or she is then expected to encourage other people to join by bringing them along to an evening meeting at which the scheme is explained, along with much clapping and ritual chanting."

The hearing was adjourned until today.

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Big brokers to retain tax benefits

By Patricia Tehan

THE Treasury is understood to have approved Stock Exchange plans to keep tax benefits for the big City market-makers that will handle trades in large blocks of shares after the introduction of fully automated trading systems next year.

As a result, market-makers will continue to be exempt from paying stamp duty on transactions.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is expected to make an anouncement tomorrow that the Treasury is broadly in support of the proposals. He is likely to recommend that the Securities and Investment Board consults member firms over just how the fiscal privileges will work.

CBI dismisses Euroscepticism

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BUSINESS leaders last night poured scorn on the idea that Britain should withdraw from Europe and accused Eurosceptics of "romantic nationalism and churlish xenophobia", which were were damaging British companies doing business in Europe.

In his final speech as Confederation of British Industry president, Sir Bryan Nicholson told the organisation's annual dinner in London that he welcomed the Prime Minister's recent dismissal of the claim that the UK could flourish outside the EU.

Although the sharp criticism was directed at all politicians, most of the annoyance of business leaders is directed at Conservative Eurosceptics, who they believe are hitting British business interests in Europe. John Major strongly defended the Government's policy over Europe, including key issues such as beef, the single currency and the social chapter opt-out, in a speech at the dinner.

Sir Bryan said: "References to cloud-cuckoo land are near the mark — but I am not sure they are quite strong enough. This spring seems to have brought forth a flock of cuckoos which are about as helpful as the biblical plague of locusts."

CBI leaders have been arguing for a higher standard of discussion over the future of Europe and Britain's place within it, but Sir Bryan took the criticism much further with his direct attack on Eurosceptic politicians.

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OECD takes lower view of UK growth

From Janet Bush in Paris

THE Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is set to downgrade its forecast for economic growth in Britain this year to around 2 per cent, below the Treasury forecast of 3 per cent.

The OECD, caught out by the downturn in European economies, fears a significant knock-on effect on British exports. The Treasury maintains there is a chance 3 per cent growth can be achieved, but in next week's report the OECD is expected to express concern about the UK's relative failure to deal with long-term unemployment and the potential social divisions created by a widening disparity of incomes in the British economy.

Oasis's founding pair to serve writs on directors

By Jason Nissé

THE founders of Oasis Stores, the fashion retailer, will today serve writs on the company and its chairman, deputy chairman, managing director and finance director who they allege negligently or fraudulently "gained control of the business".

If successful, Graham and Edwina Brown, who founded the chain with just £400 in the 1970s, could end up with control of the £200 million group.

Oasis has dismissed the claim as trouble-making and says it has legal advice that the Browns' case has no merit.

The legal action, timed to coincide with Oasis's annual meeting today, centres around the collapse in 1991 of Pinecord, a company founded by the Browns, who owned the Oasis chain. They allege that Michael and Maurice Bennett, the brothers who are chairman and deputy chairman of Oasis, and Apax Partners, the venture capital house, forced Pinecord into receivership by not investing £500,000 as agreed. The Bennetts, supported by Vivian Scott, Pinecord's managing director, and David Sarson, finance director, then bought the company out of receivership for just £1.5 million.

In 1991-92, its first year of trading, the company made profits of £1.1 million. It made double in the second year, and last year floated on the stock market with a £75 million value. Oasis is now capitalised at £210 million, and directors' beneficial shareholdings are worth £75 million.

The Browns, who have legal aid for their claim, have been given an assignment of rights by the liquidator; they can sue on behalf of the company as well as themselves and, if successful, they may be able to undo the deal to buy Oasis out of receivership and buy the company back for £1.5 million.

The Browns claim evidence that the Bennetts knew they were going to buy the company from the receiver. These include five computer spreadsheets drawn up by Mr Sarson, dating from more than a month before Pinecord's collapse, showing cash flow forecasts for "Newco".

A spokesman for Oasis denied that the Bennetts forced the group into receivership. He said they were willing to invest so long as other shareholders did so as well, but Apax, the main backer, refused to do so.

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TransCo accuses regulator of Herod-like action

Spottiswoode: cool exposition

By Paul Durman

BRITISH GAS yesterday hurled fresh invective at the industry regulator, accusing Ofgas of behaving like King Herod preying on a two-year-old child.

Harry Moulson, managing director of British Gas TransCo, said the pipeline business formed in March 1994 was "a child with a very tough but potentially very bright future". But King Herod was walking the streets, and "his (sic) proposals last week may have a disastrous effect upon this child".

The gulf between British Gas and Ofgas over the proposed pricing controls was highlighted by the difference in their presentations to a gas industry conference organised by the Institute of Economic Affairs. Where Mr Moulson was emotive, talking of the threat to thousands of jobs and safety standards, King Herod — aka Clare Spottiswoode, Director-General of Ofgas — confined herself to a cool exposition of her methodology.

Ms Spottiswoode said Ofgas's approach was very similar to that taken by other regulators, and was intellectually very strong. "If British Gas were to take this to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, the chances of them winning are remote," she added.

Ofgas estimates its proposals will save domestic gas consumers an average of £34 next year, rising to £67 by 2001. She said Ofgas was "deliberately generous" to Transco in allowing it a return on capital of up to 7 per cent. Ofgas's advisers and the independent gas companies (or shippers) that use Transco's pipeline both recommended lower figures. Ms Spottiswoode said 7 per cent was very generous for a "boring" utility with secure revenues.

Mr Moulson suggested investors might be better off putting their money into gilts. He said the pricing proposals were draconian and offered Transco no incentives for growing its business.

Transco had already cut its staffing levels from 33,000 to 20,000, and it was now being asked to cut another 10,000 jobs. He suggested this could compromise safety levels: "If water pipes fail, you get wet. If gas pipes fail, it could be dangerous." Transco will today launch a revamped emergency service to deal with gas leaks, with a freephone number. Mr Moulson said the Ofgas price controls would not in future allow it to make the necessary investments in people, training and equipment.

Outside the meeting, Ms Spottiswoode said British Gas had failed to back its claims about job cuts and safety with hard information — although Richard Giordano, British Gas chairman, yesterday replied to her letter on this subject. She is sceptical about Transco's claims about its capital expenditure requirements — and the extent of staffing cuts it has made. Ms Spottiswoode said the British Gas share price, 179½p yesterday, had fallen further than expected.

Transport union gives warning to Blair over pay

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

TONY BLAIR, the Labour leader, was given warning yesterdayby one of the most powerful trade unions that it would reject any agreement on pay with a future Labour government.

But at the same time, the Transport and General Workers' Union broke new ground by explicitly rejecting conflict with employers and pledged instead to work for new agreements offering greater work flexibility in return for increased job security.

Bill Morris, TGWU general secretary, said yesterday that the trade unions had "got the message" from Mr Blair — that a future Labour government would treat the unions with fairness, but not favours.

Mr Morris told a TGWU conference on future dealings with both a Labour government and with employers that the union's reply was a simple one: "We do not expect any favours — and we will give no favours."

Previous Labour governments have sought agreement with the unions on pay by means of an incomes policy, but the TGWU leader made it clear that his union would reach no agreement with Labour on pay. He told the London conference: "I can tell you the T&G's attitude towards pay policies — we've been there, seen it, done it and it does not work. And we are not having it."

While TGWU members were looking forward to a Labour government with which they could work, Mr Morris laid out a much more distant relationship with a future Labour administration than past Labour governments, saying that the TGWU would approach a Labour government as a "supportive, but independent friend."

At a conference, whose title, New Work, New Partnership, specifically echoed Mr Blair's New Labour, New Britain slogan, he insisted that the unions did not see themselves as being "in power" when Labour was in office, any more than they saw themselves as in opposition when the Conservatives were in government.

In what was seen as a speech clearly recasting much traditional TGWU and trade union policy, Mr Morris struck a highly co-operative note with employers, explicitly rejecting the model of industrial conflict as a way forward. In terms of the union's relationship with employers, he said: "I can sum up my view of the future in a sentence. We cannot compete on the basis of conflict." The TGWU wanted to work "hand-in-hand" with employers, with the specific aim of creating a modern, productive economy in the interests of the nation, its industries and its people.

While Labour leadership sources welcomed what they saw as constructive signals from Mr Morris, they insisted that Labour had no plans in government to introduce any form of pay policy on the lines rejected by the TGWU leader.

Gordon Brown, Labour's Shadow Chancellor, set out to the conference a new and constructive role for trade unions under a Labour government. While Labour would provide rights for employees, it would provide no right to unions to block worthwhile change.

Ian McCartney, Labour's shadow employment minister, told the conference that an incoming Labour government "would not act as a recruiting sergeant for the trade unions." While he strongly reaffirmed Labour's commitment to introducing a minimum wage, for the first time he specifically rejected the idea of different minimum wage levels for each region of Britain, or for different sectors of industry.

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David Codling is optimistic in spite of hosepipe bans

Hozelock forecasts further growth

By Philip Pangalos

HOZELOCK GROUP, the garden equipment company, is optimistic about the future after reporting a 17 per cent advance in first-half profits.

Improved margins, helped by lower raw material costs, better efficiencies and extra capacity helped pre-tax profits to rise to £3.33 million in the six months to March 30, on turnover 14 per cent higher at £20.9 million.

David Hargreaves, chairman, said: "The summer gardening season started late right across Europe, although the peak selling months lie ahead. In the short term, we are faced with the sluggish level of European consumer spending and concern that some UK water companies will be unable to meet demand if we have very dry conditions again."

David Codling, chief executive, is optimistic on longer-term prospects in spite of hosepipe bans in some parts of the country.

He said: "It's been a slow start, but the peak summer period is still to come and we are looking for two or three good selling weekends. The underlying aspects of this business are very strong."

The interim dividend is raised 15 per cent to 3.1p (2.7p), and is payable on July 16, from earnings ahead 18 per cent to 9.2p (7.8p) a share.

The shares dipped 16p to 535p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Investment trusts join pension debate

THE investment trust industry has entered the pensions debate with a call for the Government to promote "flexible, simple low-cost pensions". In its *21st Century Pensions Manifesto*, the Association of Investment Trust Companies (AITC) puts forward solutions to the problem of providing for an ageing population.

The AITC, which represents the £56 billion investment trusts sector, believes that three qualities are needed: flexibility, low costs and simplicity. The organisation explains that "very few people will work for a single employer all their life, or even be continuously employed. The sensible solution is, therefore, for individuals to build up their own pot, and for the rules to allow for contributions to vary."

Water bids examined

THE Monopolies and Mergers Commission is to investigate rival takeover bids for South West Water, it was confirmed yesterday. Severn Trent and Wessex Water announced their offers in March, and the MMC is obliged to examine proposed takeovers in the water industry. The reference to the MMC by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, was delayed pending an inquiry by the Office of Fair Trading into the impact of the bids on the companies' waste management ventures. Mr Lang has asked the commission to report by September 27.

Kmart loss deepens

KMART CORP, one of America's biggest retailers, reported a net loss of $99 million in the first quarter, but said the results were on target with its expectations. The latest losses, which compared with a $28 million deficit a year ago, included a $61 million charge against discontinued operations. Revenues rose to $7.5 billion from $7.4 billion. The closure of loss-making stores and the sale of an auto service business reduced costs by $105 million. The loss per share was 21 cents, compared with a loss of 6 cents.

Laura Ashley unchanged

ANN IVERSON, chief executive of Laura Ashley, yesterday told shareholders that trading in the first 15 weeks of the year were "broadly" in line with the furnishings and clothing retailer's performance announced ten weeks into the current year. Last month, the group said that in the first ten weeks of the year total sales were down 3 per cent and like-for-like sales were down 2 per cent. Excluding mail order, shop sales rose 1 per cent with like-for-like sales advancing 3 per cent. The shares remained unchanged at 206p.

Shell move in Russia

SHELL and a group of Japanese and American oil companies are to proceed with the preparatory work for the $10 billion Sakhalin II oil and gas project, one of the largest private investments in Russia. Sakhalin Energy Investment, a consortium of Shell, Marathon, McDermott, Mitsui and Mitsubishi, will spend at least $50 million over two years on preparatory work to develop the 11 trillion cu ft Lunskoye gasfield off Sakhalin Island. It will also develop the Piltun Astokhskoye field containing 700 million barrels of oil.

Hillsdown acquisition

HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS, the Typhoo tea to Hartley's jams food manufacturing group, reinforced its position as one of Europe's leading biscuit-makers by acquiring Continental Bakeries, the European biscuit operations of Allied Domecq, for £48.9 million. Continental makes biscuit products at 11 factories in Holland, France, Germany and Belgium and had operating profits of £2.9 million in 1995 on turnover of £127 million and net assets of £52.1 million. Hillsdown will have annual biscuit sales of more than £350 million.

Call to end Energy sale

LABOUR yesterday again urged a halt to the sell-off of British Energy's more modern nuclear generators after a fall in City valuations to between £1.5 billion and £2 billion. Margaret Beckett, shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, wrote to Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, demanding full figures on the privatisation. She said the sale should be called off "for the sake of future taxpayers." The Government would be left without sufficient funds to cover the liabilities of the remaining older Magnox stations.

Placing by software firm

RECOGNITION SYSTEMS GROUP, which develops and sells intelligent software, is to seek a full stock market listing through a placing of shares. New shares are being offered at 70p each, valuing the company at £18.9 million. The placing will raise about £3.26 million and will enable the company to expand sales activities in Britain and America. The company was founded in 1989 by David Bounds, now chairman, and Paul Gregory, managing director. Dealings are expected to begin on May 29.

Readicut profit trimmed

READICUT INTERNATIONAL, the holding company with interests in industrial and household products and services, suffered a decline in pre-tax profits to £9.27 million in the year to March 31 from £14 million previously. The total dividend is held at 3.44p a share, with an unchanged 2.81p final, payable from earnings that fell to 3.15p from 4.68p. There was an exceptional charge of £1.24 million to correct the overstatement of assets in previous years. Sir Roland Smith announced he is to step down as chairman later this year.

Names told to seek help

SIR ADAM RIDLEY, chairman of the Lloyd's Names Committee, has written to nearly 2,500 names urging them to apply for extra financial help under the Lloyd's settlement package. About 3,800 names have applied for a share of £200 million set aside to help badly affected members. But Sir Adam estimates that there are a further 2,469 names who have not applied for a share of the "Tranche 4" of debt credits, meaning that many may not be able to afford to accept the settlement offer and thus have to shoulder all their liabilities.

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US attempts to capitalise on proposed BA alliance

From Richard Thomson in New York

AMERICAN negotiators are using the proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines as a lever to open UK airports to more American air traffic.

A deal between the airlines could trigger a major breakthrough in one of the longest-running trade wrangles between the US and the UK. At talks in Washington on Monday, British Government negotiators kept their US counterparts abreast of the planned alliance, which is said to be nearing completion. The airlines refused to comment.

The proposed alliance centres on sharing computer ticketing and marketing systems and possibly integrating parts of the massive international flight networks of the industry's two largest transatlantic carriers.

Federico Pena, the US Transport Secretary, is expected to use this to prise long-sought concessions from Britain. For years the US has been pressing for greater access to UK airports, particularly Heathrow. British concessions on this issue would almost certainly increase US airline traffic at Heathrow, putting more competitive pressure on British airlines.

Meanwhile, Robert Ayling, BA's chief executive, is believed to have come under pressure from USAir directors to state his policy towards the struggling US airline. There is mounting speculation that BA will sell its 25 per cent of USAir if its agreement with American goes through.

RJB moves into coal mining in Australia

By Christine Buckley

RJB, Britain's biggest coal producer, is to move into Australian mining in a deal that could cost £72 million.

The company, which last year took on most of British Coal's English collieries and recently produced full-year pre-tax profits of £173 million, is poised to pump the money into CIM, an open-cast coal producer in New South Wales.

Richard Budge, chief executive, said that RJB was looking at expanding overseas. He said: "We are doing well in the UK, and that is where we will remain, but expansion is limited and we would be foolish to miss opportunities to develop long-term growth."

RJB is renegotiating contracts with the electricity generators to replace deals that end in 1998. The generators, which are making increased use of gas, will demand tight prices from RJB. Avenues of expansion such as into generation would depend on links with the Government or the generators to further clean-coal technology.

RJB intends that the staged investment in CIM will take advantage of growing exports to Japan and the Pacific Rim countries. CIM exports most of its output. Its link with RJB will further development, including opening a second site, and may lead to mining acquisitions in Australia.

RJB will spend £12.5 million initially and buy 12.3 per cent of an enlarged CIM. Options to buy further slices of equity up to June next year could take its stake to 42.9 per cent.

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Malta	0.588	0.533
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New Zealand $	2.37	2.15
Norway Kr	10.52	9.72
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Biotech burns bright but beware

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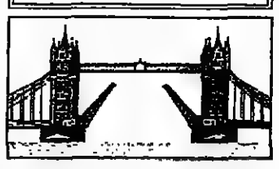

☐ MIRACLES happen. When British Biotech floated in 1992, it was just another run-of-the-mill gene splicer living on hopes and prayers. It had no income, no product on the market and was burning up cash at an alarming rate. Today, after a string of clinical trial successes, the market value is about £2 billion and it is considered one of the great entrepreneurial success stories. And it still has no income, no commercial product on the market, and is burning cash.

The company's success story, Marimastat, was designed to slow the growth of tumours generated by a large range of cancers. Encouraging phase 2 trials mean that the drug is to proceed to phase 3 trials, the final stage in the testing process. Historically, about two thirds of phase 3 drugs reach the market.

The dream is that British Biotech will become the next Amgen, the world's most successful biotech company, which last year reported earnings of $538 million on turnover of $1.9 billion. It and rivals such as Genentech, Genzyme and Chiron are credited with restoring faith in the biotech sector after successive batterings in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Amgen made it on the back of only two drugs, Neupogen and Epogen, both of fairly limited market potential. Marimastat, by contrast, appears to have some effect in controlling the spread of any cancer that creates hard tumours. The grim statistics are that, at any one time, there are five to seven million such patients in America and Europe. If Marimastat can capture a significant share of this market before losing its patent in 2013, the highest hopes for British Biotech will be realised.

Perhaps, but the risks are enormous. Any of the dozens of other biotech companies working on similar compounds might launch a more effective version. This frequently happens. More immediately, disappointing results from any of British Biotech's stable of other drugs could cause the shares to slide, if not collapse. This happened last year when the company announced that Batimastat, another anti-cancer drug, was not living up to expectations. One drug may propel the shares, but one drug alone is not enough to sustain them over anything but the short term.

Still another risk is the inevitable rights issue. British Biotech has £70 million in cash and is burning it at a rate of £35 million a year. That means a cash call in about 18 months.

The frantic scramble for British Biotech shares on the stock market cannot be laid at the directors' door. Other biotech companies have been guilty of puffing their own shares. The Biotech management has acted with exemplary caution, caution that should itself have a sobering effect on investors. Anyone sitting on a now-valuable chunk of shares should consider locking in at least some of this unexpected windfall. Anyone who bought into other unconnected biotech stocks yesterday, encouraged by the scramble, wants their head examined.

Bass's rival stirs the brew

☐ BASS will today come under considerable pressure to say just what is the state of play surrounding its bid to become Britain's biggest brewer — again. The company will stonewall away over a purchase that everyone knows has been the subject of not-so-secret negotiations for the best part of a year. But one of its competitors is apparently doing its best to scupper the deal.

Bass is reporting half-way figures, but the talk will not be of the delights of Caffreys ale and Hoopers Hooch but of the purchase of Carlsberg-Tetley. Some optimists had hoped to have this sewn up in time for today's announcement, but unsourced reports have suggested the deal is bogged down in negotiations with the regulatory authorities.

Given that no one is commenting formally, speculation might as well run rife. Bass had long enjoyed market leadership and about 25 per cent of brewing in Britain. That lead was lost, much to the company's chagrin, last year when Scottish & Newcastle merged with Courage, creating a 32 per cent market share — or 30 per cent, or perhaps 25 per cent, depending on who you believed. It all depended how you measured it, and S&N was naturally shooting for the lower figure.

As the merger proceeded, so did much bad-tempered muttering that it should not, abuse of market share, and so on, sourced quite clearly back to Bass and the third big player, Whitbread. Some impressive lobbying skills had been called into play, but they failed. Now the same thing is happening again, with the reports of official opposition to a Bass/Carlsberg-Tetley tie-up with 40 per cent of the market, and guess where they may have come from? Whitbread, they say.

Competition policy has clearly toughened up drastically over recent months, and it is doubtful if S&N/Courage would have such an easy ride today. Bass/Carlsberg-Tetley certainly must not. If one company is allowed to produce two out of every five pints brewed in this country, there would seem little point in even having a Monopolies and Mergers Commission. One can only hope the authorities are indeed taking a firm line.

Pyramid power

☐ PYRAMID selling has a period 1960s feel about it, like Gannex macs and all those gritty Rita Tushingham films. Human credulity would not stretch so far today, one thinks. Then again, apparently sane investors have sunk their life savings into ostrich farms. . . .

The drama at the High Court yesterday, with the Department of Trade and Industry seeking to wind up Titan Business Club, looks like ostriches revisited, with the proviso that Titan is if anything rather less of a certain bet than the ostrich farmers.

The case came to light with an anonymous letter from a constituent of David Rendel, Liberal Democrat member for Newbury, Berkshire. In April, Mr Rendel managed to insert the letter's contents into an adjournment debate, thus protecting all reference to the matter with the cloak of Parliamentary privilege.

Titan's approach to pyramid selling is that of a Southern Baptist meeting, only rather more exclusive, it seems. The constituent claimed you can only be invited by an existing member, and there is much clapping, standing ovations and, apparently, "ritual chanting". You sign an agreement laying you open to a £4,000 fine if confidentiality is breached. You then pay to join the club, and your return kicks in when you have found four others willing to follow you, the letter concluded.

Needless to say, no product changes hands and the whole thing usually ends one way, in tears all round. Investors should not need reminding of this. But Titan is probably not the only such business now operating.

Turf accountancy

☐ BOSSES should be paid like jockeys, who have an incentive to win prize money but underperform if given big retainers, according to a paper for the LSE's Centre for Economic Performance. Top earners will hope the analogy is not taken too far. Having to clear masses of hurdles, wear gaudy silk shirts and risk being fired after lunch for failing to meet your handicapped weight would be too awful.

Chelsfield in £102m cash call

Chelsfield, the property group headed by Elliot Bernerd, is raising £102 million from shareholders to help to fund the £250 million development of the White City shopping centre in west London.

Chelsfield is also buying in, for £10.3 million, the outstanding one-tenth interest in the Merry Hill shopping centre, near Dudley.

The company is issuing 47.1 million shares on a 3-for-10 basis at 220p each. Chelsfield said that its economic interest in the completed White City development would be between 45 and 70 per cent. "In addition, the terms of the partnership arrangements are such as to entitle Chelsfield individually to 75 per cent of the uplift over the cost attaching to the entire site," it said.

Chelsfield has spent, or has committed, £50 million for the 37-acre White City site.

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Eldridge up

Eldridge, Pope & Co, the Dorset brewer and pub retailer, lifted pre-tax profits to £956,000, from £879,000, in the half-year to March 31. The interim dividend rises to 1.85p (1.65p), from earnings per share of 3.72p (3.26p). Turnover grew to £28.2 million (£24.8 million). The company, whose shares are on the Unlisted Securities Market, plans to obtain a full listing.

Inchcape hope

Inchcape, the troubled distribution group, expects improvement in full-year profits after a restructuring. In spite of difficult trading conditions in the first half, Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, was upbeat on second-half prospects at the annual meeting yesterday. Shareholders backed a long-term incentive scheme for executives that had been criticised by some institutional investors. It links pay to the share price performance compared with the FT-SE 100.

Jarvis at £14m

Shares in Jarvis Porter Group, the label printer, fell 16½p, to 272½p, as full-year pre-tax profits of a record £14.1 million, up from £10.6 million, fell short of market expectations and the company expressed caution on near-term prospects amid margin pressures and economic uncertainty. A final dividend of 4.6p (4.1p), due on July 26, makes 6.75p (6p).

SFA rebuke

The Securities and Futures Authority has ordered Sobhag Stockbroking, a private client stockbroker in north London, to cease holding clients' money and securities. The SFA, which said the firm had "consistently" breached its rules, told it to limit its business to receiving, transmitting and executing client orders on an agency basis. The firm appealed against the SFA order, but lost.

Vosper turns to overseas buyers for defence work

By Christine Buckley

WARSHIP orders from Saudi Arabia, other overseas markets and general diversification are moving up Vosper Thornycroft's agenda as the shipbuilder tries to combat a constricting home base.

Vosper cut 350 jobs in March, for which it incurs a £3.8 million charge, after losing an important Royal Navy frigate contract to GEC. Only relatively modest UK contracts for landing craft are up for grabs in the near future, and Martin Jay, Vosper's chief executive, yesterday predicted a further slimming of the warship industry.

It has reduced from employing 25,000 people at a peak in the 1970s to about 7,000 now. Since the demise of Swan Hunter, only Vosper and GEC build warships in the UK. Mr Jay, whose company employs about 3,300, said forecasts estimated that employment would settle at about 5,000 to 6,000.

Vosper is in negotiations with Saudi Arabia, Qatar, other countries and the UK for future contracts. Mr Jay said he hoped a firm deal would be clinched by the end of the year. Saudi Arabia has, through government agreements it has with the UK, signalled an order for three minesweepers from Vosper. The company received an "instruction to proceed" in 1988 with six minesweepers and has so far produced three. Mr Jay said he was not concerned that the completing order, worth several hundred millions, may be hindered by the current discord between Saudi Arabia and the UK over Britain's sheltering of Muhammad al-Masari, the Saudi dissident. While other companies have complained that relations between the countries had hit their order books, he said: "I have found no echoes of that."

Vosper is expanding operations outside the core shipbuilding operations into activities such as facilities management, electronic controls, marine products and technical documentation. When it moved into these fields five years ago, they accounted for 5 per cent of both sales and profits. Now they make up 35 per cent of Vosper's business. Soon they will form up to half of the company's activities as it seeks to even its cash flow and counter the feast or famine nature of shipbuilding. It is also a move to broaden operations after the end of the cold war.

Vosper increased pre-tax profit 10 per cent to £27.6 million in the year to March 31. The company, which is seeking bolt-on acquisitions, has net cash of £80 million and an order book of £450 million. The final dividend, payable on August 14, was set at 16.7p, making a total of 23.5p and a 12 per cent increase on the previous year.

JAMES CHEADLE

Martin Jay, left, and Chris Girling, finance director, expect further slimming in their industry

FII dives after warning of loss

By Sarah Bagnall

FII, the Marks & Spencer footwear supplier, saw nearly 40 per cent of its stock market valuation wiped out yesterday after it issued a loss warning and unveiled a boardroom shake-up.

FII said falling sales and reduced margins would result in a £1 million operating loss in the year to May 31. The result compares with a pre-tax loss of £7.66 million last time, which was struck after £8.25 million of exceptional costs relating to the sale of its scientific and technical division. Analysts were expecting a return to profit.

In a bid to restore its fortunes FII is in the process of a thorough review to strip out substantial costs. The company said: "We are confident that the results of this review will return the company to profit in the 1996-97 financial year." The shares fell 185p to 283p yesterday.

FII also revealed that Charles Ryder, who led a management buy-in in January 1995, is to relinquish the chief executive's post and become non-executive chairman. Mr Ryder, who before joining FII was joint managing director of Claremont Garments, paid 315p a share along with other members of the buy-in team for an 11.7 per cent stake in the group.

Oliver Prenn, 58, who took over as non-executive chairman last May has resigned for personal reasons. Philip Buscombe, who joined FII as finance director last month, becomes chief executive.

Enterprise buys Labatt estate

By Alasdair Murray

ENTERPRISE INNS, the pub company, said yesterday it was doubling its estate to 1,000 houses with the £51 million purchase of the John Labatt pub group from Interbrew, the Belgian brewer. Enterprise, which floated on the Stock Exchange in October, is acquiring 413 fully-owned pubs, comprising 248 tenanted and 165 managed houses. It will also inherit a 50 per cent stake in 98 outlets, co-owned with Paramount.

The Labatt chain is concentrated in the North West, Midlands and South of England. Enterprise said the deal would be non-dilutive to earnings in its first year and Ted Tuppen, chief executive, said he expected cost savings of about £1 million a year from the closure of Labatt's head office, as well as an improvement in beer margins in the enlarged estate. Enterprise will pay primarily through £43 million of debt and raise £9.5 million through a one-for-six rights issue at 163p a share. Interbrew has an option to subscribe for 2.5 million shares at 250p a share in early 1998. Enterprise will assume net liabilities of £10 million. Mr Tuppen said the aim was to convert the Labatt managed estate to leases and tenancies, although it may make a few disposals. Last year Labatt's operating profits were £4.9 million on a turnover of £32.5 million.

Enterprise also announced a 26 per cent increase in pre-tax half-year profits to £3.5 million. A maiden interim dividend of 2.25p is payable on July 3. The shares rose 11p to close at 194p.

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Limited liability move by Goldman Sachs partners

By Patricia Tehan and Richard Thomson

GOLDMAN SACHS, the last big investment partnership on Wall Street, has taken steps to limit the extent to which partners put their finances at risk.

The move follows the decision by Goldman Sachs partners, taken in January, not to seek a flotation on the stock market this year.

In a memorandum to staff, Jon Corzine, senior partner and chairman, and Henry Paulson, vice-chairman and chief operating officer, said the new arrangements would "strengthen the stability of the firm's capital base, reduce partners' personal risk in the event of a catastrophic loss and, by these and related measures, encourage partners to lengthen their active careers at the firm". The measures to turn Goldman Sachs into a limited liability partnership were approved by 174 working partners earlier this week and will also affect 110 limited partners.

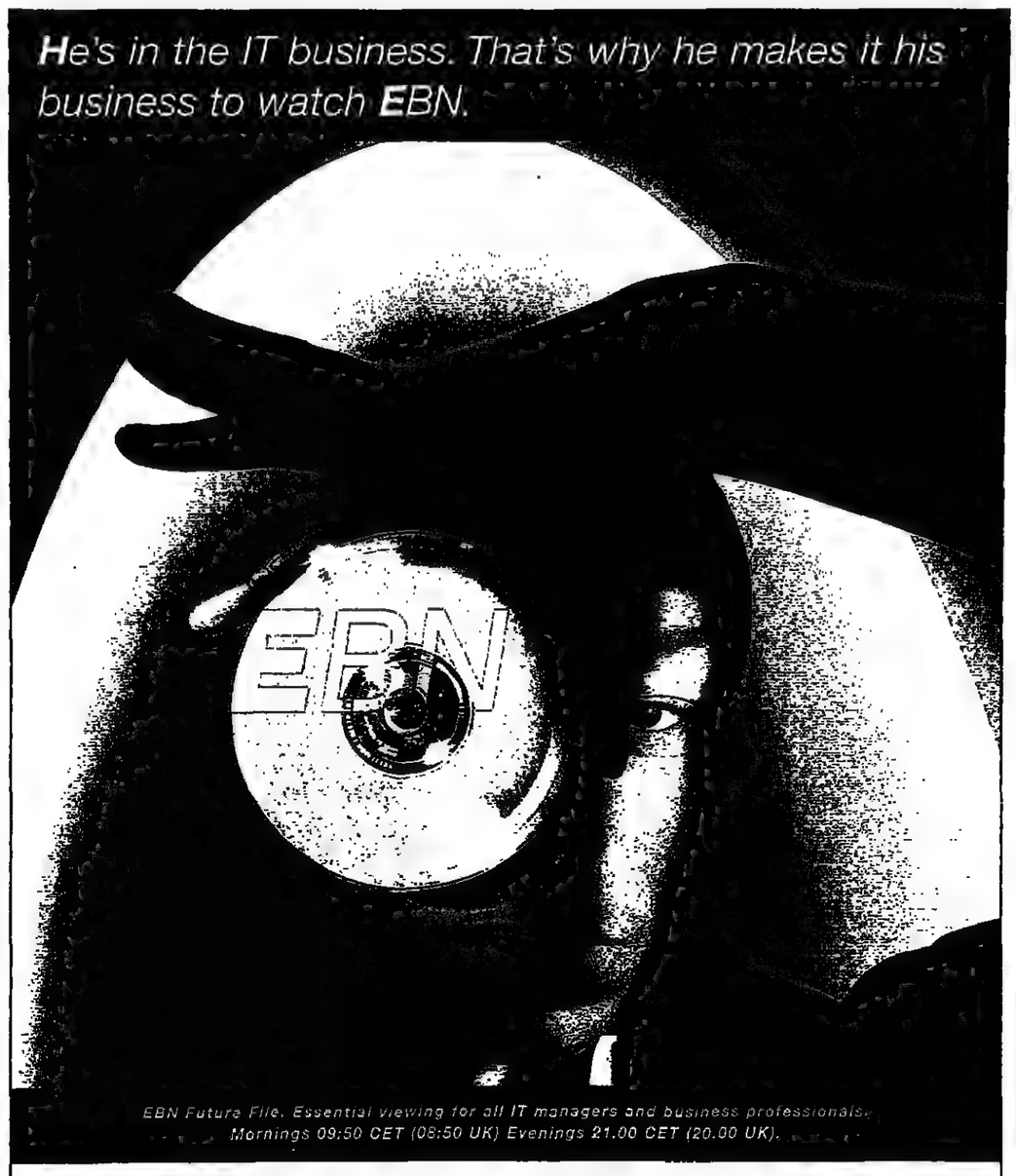
The main alteration is to retain the capital of departing partners within the firm for longer than at present. Partners who leave the firm will now have to wait at least six years until they can withdraw their stake instead of about four years at present.

The move is designed to discourage partners from leaving — although none have actually left within the last year — and to ensure that Goldman Sachs does not suffer any sudden loss of capital.

A substantial portion of the partners' pay goes directly into the firm where it remains until they leave or retire. While it remains in the firm, it is counted as part of its capital. The firm currently has a capital base of about $5 billion.

In the memorandum, Mr Corzine and Mr Paulson said there would be no changes in how the firm managed its business and that "partners' economic interests will continue to rise or fall together with the fortunes of our single, overall firm".

Goldman was forced to consider the issue of how to protect itself from a sudden loss after a poor year in 1994 when profits crashed, and capital declined to $4.77 billion from $5.01 billion, prompting worries that retiring partners would withdraw their capital.



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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Biotech shares soar as drug trials progress

BRITISH Biotechnology is the sort of company that investors' dreams are made of. Every £1,000 invested in the company when it came to market in July 1992 would now be worth £7,800.

Once again it was the market's best performing share yesterday, soaring 285p to an all-time high of £33.15, after briefly touching £37.88. This latest surge of demand for the stock comes after the release of the latest clinical trials of Marimastat, its cancer treatment.

The results of the findings into human trials of colorectal, ovarian, pancreatic and prostatic cancer were released to coincide with presentations to Asco, the US clinical investigators.

Brokers say the results of the trials, which include dosage and effects, means that British Biotech can now undertake definitive clinical trials of the drug. By the close of business a total of two million shares had been traded. Brokers say the next stop for British Biotech could be the £40 mark. Only last year they were trading at a low of 428p.

The rest of the equity market took its lead from Wall Street's 61-point rise overnight, its ninth in a row. But London's enthusiasm soon waned, with prices unable to maintain their early pace. The FT-SE 100 index ended the session 11.2 points up at 3,789.4 as 710 million shares were traded.

Sir Richard Greenbury of M&S, which surged 29½p

Railtrack, which made its debut on Monday in hectic trading, reverted to a more sedate pace. It closed unchanged at 220½p, with turnover slowing to less than 20 million shares.

Oil shares bounced back from Monday's shake-out that accompanied news for the oil-for-food agreement struck between Iraq and the United Nations. Worries about excess oil flooding the market appear to have been overdone. **BP** rose 9p to 578½p, **Shell** 10½p to 937p, **Enterprise** 12p to 472p. **British Borneo** 25p to 606p and **Lasmo** 6½p to 183p.

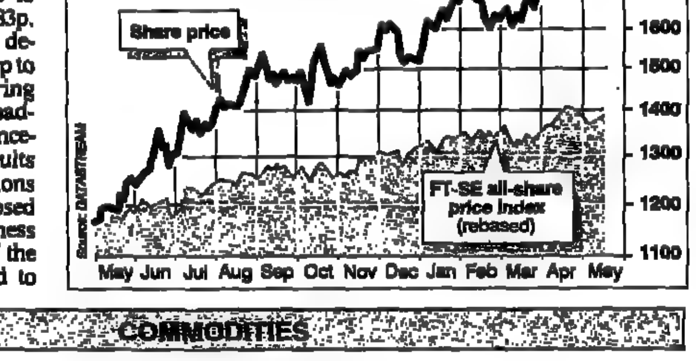
Revived institutional demand lifted **Thorn EMI** 27p to £17.96. The group is preparing to embark on a major roadshow following the announcement of its preliminary results on June 11, giving institutions a full rundown of the proposed demerger of its music business in August. The full cost of the demerger is now expected to be around £75 million. In recent months there has been persistent talk of a bid for the company.

Full-year figures at the top end of expectations and news of a turnround at its US Brooks Brothers subsidiary sent shares of **Marks and Spencer** surging 29½p to 462p. Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, was in confident mood when talking to brokers after the announcement. He reported a pick-up in sales during April and May, saying: "There is every sign of the consumer coming out of the trenches". Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, has increased its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £20 million to £1.12 billion. The news attracted support for the rest of the high street with **Argos**, the catalogue retailer, adding a further 7½p to 720p after Monday's confident trading statement.

There was also support for **Harvey Nichols**, up 15p to 330p, **Kingfisher** 14p stronger to 608p, and **Oasis Group** 6p firmer to 412p.

FII, the footwear group which is a major supplier to Marks & Spencer, tumbled 185p to 283p on the news that the group is expected to plunge into the red during the second half. Poor trading conditions are likely to result in a trading loss of £1 million. Sales were 9 per cent up on a year ago, but margins remain "very unsatisfactory". Only last week rival **Chamberlain Phipps** lost around one-third of its value in the wake of some disappointing trading news.

Speculative buying lifted Christie International, the fine art auctioneer, 8p to 224p. There has been persistent speculation that Joseph Lewis has received an offer for his stake of almost 30 per cent. Brokers say an offer of 260p a share may be just round the corner, valuing the company at £427 million.



The shares were steady at 30p last night.

News of a bid approach for **Park Food Group** came after the official close of business, with the shares unaltered at 89p. A new company led by Stuart Marks, a Park Food director, plans to launch an agreed bid for the food hamper supplier. He has resigned from the board and asked the company to release certain information which would enable him to assess the feasibility of such a bid. At last night's close, Park Food carried a price tag of £143.6 million.

NFC, the logistics group, slipped 2p to 158p as a large line of stock went through the market. A line of five million shares were sold at 155½p before being sold on at 156½p.

The fall in **South West Water** was restricted to 1p at 659p after the referral of bids by both Wessex Water and Severn Trent to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The referral has been made on the basis that a merger between South West and either of the other two companies would result in combined assets of more than £30 million. **Severn Trent** fell 7p to 559p, while **Wessex** shed 9p to 302p.

The rest of the water companies took the news badly, with **Anglian Water** losing 8p at 535p, **United Utilities** 13p at 558p, **Yorkshire** 6p to 631p, and **Hyder** 3p to 716p.

Enterprise Inns stood out with a jump fo 14p at 197p after virtually doubling in size with the acquisition of the John Labatt UK chain of pubs.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Prices marked time for much of the day as dealers attempted to establish a new trading range. A late sell-off of German bunds also impacted on the London market, which closed at its low for the day. The next auction has been pencilled in for Wednesday, with the Bank of England offering £3 billion of treasury 8 per cent 2021.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt finished £1/32 lower at £106 7/16 as a total of 44,000 contracts were completed. In longs, treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost £15/32 to £97 11/32, while at the shorter end treasury 8 per cent 2000 eased £3/16 to 102¼.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Profit-taking in the oil sector saw shares a little lower on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones industrial average down 6.65 points at 5,742.17 by midday.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 5742.17 (-6.65)
S&P Composite .... 674.03 (+0.88)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 22091.74 (+112.74)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 11088.77 (+101.18)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 561.84 (+3.66)

Sydney:
AO .... 2242.9 (-8.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2570.78 (+20.78)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2310.16 (-12.76)

Brussels:
General .... 9351.14 (+85.68)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 2129.71 (+9.12)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 788.10 (+2.60)

London:
FT 30 .... 2815.5 (+4.3)
FT 100 .... 3789.4 (+11.2)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 4529.2 (+6.9)
FT-SE-A 350 .... 1918.4 (+5.0)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1696.84 (+6.0)
FT A All-Share .... 1903.36 (+4.89)
FT Non Financials .... 2022.71 (+6.81)
FT Fixed Interest .... 112.20 (-0.12)
FT Govt Secs .... 92.65 (-0.09)
Bargains 35901
SEAQ Volume 707.9m
USM (Datastrm) .... 221.8 (+0.9)
US$ .... 1.5135 (+0.0013)
German Mark .... 2.3332 (+0.0124)
Exchange Index .... 84.8 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
E:ECU 1.2184
£:SDR 1.0493
RPI .... 152.6 Apr (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX .... 152.0 Apr (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

AIM Trust	101	...
Active Imaging	116	...
Atlantis Japan Gwth	685½	+ 1
Biocompatibles Uts	135	- 3
CA Coutts (105)	120	...
Cairngorm BS IT Ut	925	...
Cap for Co's VCT (100)	94	...
Emtech	38	...
FNR	39	...
Gartmore Select Jap	94	...
Hercules Prop Svcs	60	...
INVESCO Eng Int C	101	...
Just Group	4½	- ¼
La Senza (150)	156	- 2
Luminar	255	...
MSB International	242	...
Malden Group	275	...
Millnm & Cop (278)	339	+ 1
Premiere Group	139	- 1
Railtrack (190)	220½	...
Reflec	66	+ 3
Stentor	93	...
Taiwan Inv Tst C	96	...
Thomas Foms	10	...
Tom Hoskins	53	...
Vanguard Med (450)	618	+ 5
Waterfall (45)	50	- 2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Porter Chadburn n/p	6	...
Queensborgh n/p (28)	1½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Shire Pharms .... 221p (+20p)
Osborne & Little .... 530p (+40p)
Inchcape .... 288p (+16p)
Acorn Comp .... 303p (-15p)
Micro Focus .... 970p (+37p)
Enterprise .... 472p (+12p)
Bick .... 550p (+13p)
Kingfisher .... 608p (+14p)

FALLS:
Ramsden (H) .... 423p (-15p)
BAA .... 507p (-17p)
Cortecs .... 364p (-12p)
Hozelock .... 535p (-16p)
Chiroscience .... 505p (-15p)
Nat West .... 639p (-13p)
Scoita .... 765p (-16p)

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TEMPUS

Marking time

MARKS AND SPENCER is in good, if rather dull, shape. The retailer beat City profit forecasts yesterday thanks to a strong recovery in profits from Brooks Brothers and a rise in net interest income. That was enough to send the shares upward, helping to restore the group's rating, but dull trading figures offer little reason to pursue the shares.

Long considered the king of the high street, M&S shares are expected to trade at a premium to the market. But this king is feeling its age and the crown has been tarnished in recent years, causing the share price premium to fall from 32 per cent to as low as 16 per cent. The welcome boost from America helped to restore some of the glory but there is more growth elsewhere in the retail sector. M&S tends to perform best in troubled times. The company should benefit from an upturn in consumer confidence but other retailers will see enhanced performance. In clothing, M&S tends to shine when the economy is weak. The company only managed a meagre 3.9 sales rise last year and given the aggressive competition from Burton and Next, M&S might do better allocating less space to women's clothing.

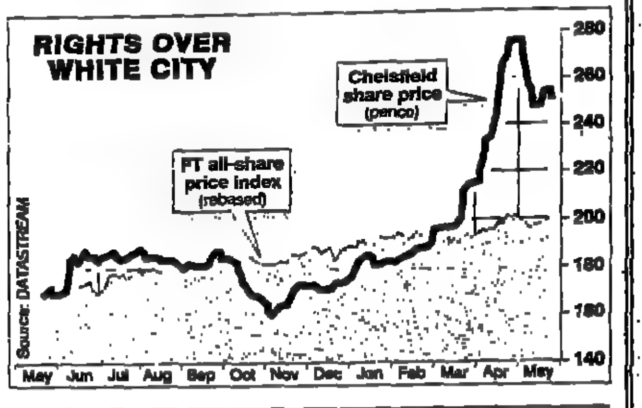
Longer term, the future for M&S may be overseas, particularly in Asia where its stores are showing impressive sales and profit gains. Expanding its retail presence in the Far East makes sense at a time when the company is seeking cheaper manufacturing locations abroad. However, the Far East is still a small part of the whole and at 17 times earnings, the shares look expensive. Unless we are heading for a consumer downturn, there are better buys than Marks and Spencer.

Chelsfield

CHELSFIELD'S share price has been begging for a cash call for at least two months. The company is not highly geared, but the share price has risen to a level at which the company would be foolish not to tap the market. The shares are being issued at 220p, in line with most forecasts of the year-end asset value.

More interesting is where the net asset value is heading over the next two years, and the signs are that the momentum will continue upwards with the White City shopping centre providing much of the growth. From a standing start last September and via a series of circuitous deals, Chelsfield has managed to secure control of the site and yesterday said its share of the development surplus could be as high as 75 per cent, with Scottish Amicable and Godfrey Bradman sharing the rest.

Chelsfield is a past master at joining the race late yet arriving first through the finishing post and no one should be surprised if the property group manages to secure itself a much larger interest than 75 per cent in the completed project. The prize is big, with some estimating that the development surplus could be worth 71p to Chelsfield on relatively low shop rental estimates of £175 per square foot Zone A, almost half the going rate at Brent Cross. Chelsfield's share price is riding on the expectation of the next deal, but if those numbers are right, it deserves its rating



Enterprise Inns

ENTERPRISE INNS has been written off as a dull investment since the company's stock market debut last October. Enterprise owns a tenanted estate, considered less sexy than managed houses, and it has failed to match the premium share ratings of those rivals.

The City is sceptical of its estate, built up from the cast-offs of the big brewers. Nor has Enterprise taken the plunge into fashionable food and theme pubs. Instead, the company is relying on the old-fashioned formula of collecting rent and pushing high volumes of beer over the bar.

But the case against Enterprise has been overstated. While the big operators are no longer interested in the smaller pub, Enterprise has developed a low-cost base from which it will reap rewards as it expands. The purchase of the Labatt estate means that Enterprise has doubled in size, while adding only 20 staff to the company. At the same time it has secured long-term beer supply deals ahead of expected price rises.

More pubs are likely to come on to the market over the next few years as the big pub retailers focus on their huge managed operations. Enterprise may well have found a profitable position as a niche small pub operator.

BAA

Almost ten years after the privatisation of the British Airports Authority (BAA) and five years since the Monopolies and Mergers Commission delved into the issue of private control of London's airports, our members of Parliament are getting hot under the collar about BAA's monopoly. Tardiness is a characteristic of an MP's concern. The timing of yesterday's suggestion by the Transport Committee that BAA shed Gatwick and Stansted to encourage competition was also unfortunate as the MMC has virtually finished its quinquennial review of BAA: the report is expected in June. Nevertheless, the share market disliked the suggestion although the size of the sell-off suggests the worry is token.

BAA is a licence to print money, not because of the landing charges that are relatively cheap by international standards but because it has a captive market for its tenants, the airlines who rent office and other accommodation and the retailers. Retailers do not have to rent space at Heathrow and Gatwick but airlines do. Sensitive to charges it was exploiting its tenants in the early years, BAA has taken the pressure off but while landing charges are subject to price control there is no cap on rents at Heathrow and Gatwick. If the MMC wants to get tough it could investigate the Heathrow property market.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	1075-1011	Jul	1055-1054
Jul	1096-1095	Sep	1067-1063
Sep	1116-1115	Dec	1079-1073
Dec	1047-1046	Mar	1090-1084
Mar	1036-1034		
May	1045-1044	Volume:	8893

ROBUSTA COFFEE (£)

May	2012-2007	Jan	1894-1890
Jul	1940-1939	Mar	1857-1855
Sep	1925-1924	May	1840-1820
Nov	1915-1912	Volume:	2471

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	332.9-30.0
Spot: 400.0		May	331.7-28.2
Aug	379.5-79.0	Aug	331.3-26.3
Oct	348.5-47.5	Oct	316.0-14.0
Dec	337.5-35.5	Volume:	952

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 20

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	128.73	120.85	98.70
(+/-)	+8.48	-13.30	-3.40
Eng/Wales:	128.88	140.08	98.54
(+/-)	+8.43	-40.21	-3.42
(%)	+21.0	-18.0	-2.0
Scotland:	121.01	142.81	100.32
(+/-)	+7.61	-46.52	-3.84
(%)	-19.0	-2.0	+32.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.60	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.40	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.00	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.55	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.70	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	227 (+8)	239 (+8)
Gasoil EEC	174 (+5)	176 (+5)
3.5 Fuel Oil	97 (n/c)	99 (n/c)
Naphtha	183 (n/c)	185 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	164.25-64.50	Sep	160.75-61.00
Jul	161.00-61.25	Oct	161.25-61.75
Aug	160.26-60.50		Vol: 14694

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.43-18.44	Oct	17.44-17.47
Aug	17.99-18.00	Nov	17.24-17.30
Sep	17.66-17.69		Vol: 25395

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	127.25	May	115.50
Jul	120.00	Sep	108.50
Sep	115.00	Nov	110.00
Nov	116.70	Jan	112.25
Jan	118.75	Mar	114.50
Volume:	504	Volume:	89

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Jun	unq	225.0
Nov	—	82.5
Mar	—	110.0
	Volume:	107

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
May 104.75-105.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 96	1365	1364	1375
Jun 96	1275	1268	1277
Jul 96	1240	1230	1240
Oct 96	1345	1320	1345
Vol: 113 lots		Open interest:	4590

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3 Mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2515.0-2518.0	2455.0-2457.0	4305950
Lead ($/tonne)	829.00-830.00	825.00-826.00	334575
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1035.0-1036.0	1062.5-1063.0	377650
Tin ($/tonne)	6220.0-6225.0	6259.0-6260.0	44325
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1549.0-1550.0	1584.0-1584.5	3033625
Nickel ($/tonne)	7995.0-7996.0	8105.0-8110.0	101680

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom...	460	33½	46½	52½	5	10	17½
(*485)	500	11	25	30	20	27	37
Argyll	330	14½	23	29½	11	16	20½
(*341)	360	3½	10½	16½	31	36	37½
ASDA	110	11½	14	16	1½	3½	5
(*119½)	120	5½	8	10½	5	7½	9
Boots	600	27½	40½	49	10½	19½	25
(*622½)	650	4½	17½	26	42½	48	52½
Br Airways	550	24½	37	46	11	21½	26½
(*568)	600	5	15	23½	46½	50½	54½
BP	550	38½	47½	55½	5	11½	16
(*578½)	600	10	20½	29	24½	33½	39½
Br Steel	160	18½	19½	21	3	5	7½
(*177)	180	4½	8	11	12½	15	17½
C & W	460	19	30	41½	16	26	32½
(*468)	500	6	16½	25	45	50½	56
CU	600	38	47	50½	8	19	23½
(*625½)	650	11½	21	33	32	45½	49½
ICI	850	42	57	74½	13	28½	34½
(*871½)	900	17	32	49½	38	55	60
Kingfishr	600	26	41	58	14½	25	31
(*607½)	650	6½	19	34½	45½	53	58½
Land Sec	600	43½	48½	51½	5	9½	14½
(*642½)	650	6	17	25	31	34	39
M & S	460	9½	19½	26½	13½	30½	34½
(*461)	500	1	7	12	49	50	51½
Nat West	600	50	58½	71½	5	17	22½
(*607½)	650	19	31	44	21½	39½	45½
Sainsbury	360	20½	31	36	4½	9	13½
(*373½)	390	6	15	20½	19½	23½	28
Shell	900	49½	63½	73	7	17	20½
(*936½)	950	18	32½	44½	25½	39½	42
Smkl Bch	638	41½	57	—	8	20	—
(*663½)	687	16	32	—	31½	44	—
Storehse	330	15	24	—	10½	16	—
(*335)	360	4	11½	—	30½	34	—
Trafalgar	50	1	1½	—	0½	0½	—
(*50½)	60	0	0	—	9½	9½	—
Unilever	1200	49	74½	86½	11	21½	27
(*1227½)	1250	21	41	57½	33½	43½	48½
Zeneca	1350	79½	113½	142½	26	49½	64½
(*1391)	1400	50½	84	116	46	72½	87

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	420	34½	42	49	9	12½	18½
(*445½)	460	12½	22	30	28½	32	38
Ladbroke	180	30½	22½	27½	8	11	14
(*199)	200	11	13½	18½	18½	21½	24½
Utd Bisc	220	18½	22½	26½	7½	10½	12½
(*226)	240	9	13	17	18	21	23

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	500	17½	28½	34	13	18½	23½
(*506½)	550	2½	9½	14	50½	52½	55
Thames W.	550	13	23½	29	25	30	37
(*551½)	600	1	7½	12½	68½	69	72

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	500	30½	39½	47½	19½	27	29½
(*510)	550	10	18½	26	51½	57	59
BTR	280	21	26	29½	6	8	10
(*294½)	300	10	14½	18½	11½	18½	19½
Br Aero	850	71½	87½	105½	14	25	31
(*899½)	900	40½	58½	77	33½	46	52½
Br Telecm	330	23½	29½	29½	10½	14½	17½
(*344½)	360	8	11½	15½	29	32	35
Cadbury	460	44½	52½	61½	8	13½	16½
(*490)	500	20½	30	39	24	30½	33½
Guinness	460	34	41	49	8	14	15½
(*480)	500	12	20	28	27	34	34½
GEC	330	32½	37	40½	5	9	12
(*358)	360	12	18½	24½	18	22½	28½
Hanson	180	15	19	21	3½	7	10
(*193)	200	4½	9½	12	13½	17½	20½
LASMO	180	12½	17½	20½	8½	9	9½
(*183)	200	4½	8½	11	19	20½	21
Lucas	220	26½	31	31	4	14½	16½
(*233)	240	16	21	21	17	24	26
Pilkingtn	191	18½	—	—	4½	—	—
(*205)	210	8½	—	—	14	—	—
Prudential	420	25½	33½	42	12	19	22½
(*428½)	460	8½	15½	23½	35½	41½	44½
Redland	390	34½	42	47	8	13½	16
(*411)	420	17½	25½	31	21	27½	30
R-Royce	220	17½	23½	28½	7½	11½	14½
(*237)	240	8	14	19	16½	22	25
Tesco	280	16½	23½	28	8½	14½	16
(*284½)	300	8	14	18½	20½	25½	26½
Vodafone	240	20½	27½	30	7	14	16½
(*250½)	260	10½	17½	20	17½	24	26½
Williams	330	14	18	—	11	16½	—
(*330)	360	3	7	—	31	36	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3788½)

	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850	3900
Calls						
Jun	151½	110	70	40	20½	8
Jul	165	128	95	64½	40½	24½
Aug	186	149½	117½	86½	62½	42½
Sep	200	165½	133½	105	80½	59
Dec	—	223½	—	164½	—	117
Puts						
Jun	10	18½	32½	53	84	125
Jul	24	36½	54½	74	101	136
Aug	42	55	73½	94½	120	151½
Sep	56½	72½	90	111	136	166
Dec	—	105½	—	146	—	198½

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	550	30	43	55½	4½	17	24
(*573)	600	5	18½	31	30	41	50
Amstrad	160	10	19	21½	5	9½	12
(*162½)	180	3	11	13½	18½	20½	23½
Barclays	750	38½	54½	66½	5½	19½	25½
(*781)	800	10	26½	40½	26	45½	50
Blue Circ	360	10½	22	29	10	18	23½
(*360½)	390	1½	10	16½	30½	36½	41
Br Gas	160	21½	24	29	0½	3	6
(*179½)	180	7½	14½	17½	6½	10	15
Dixons	460	39½	48½	60	2	12	16
(*495½)	500	11½	25	37	15	29	33
Forte	343	31½	36	—	0	0½	—
(*374½)	373	6½	13½	—	5	7	—
Tarmac	120	6	11½	13	4	7½	11
(*121½)	130	2	7	9½	10	13½	16½
Hillsdwn	160	20	23½	25½	0	2½	4
(*179)	180	5	10	13	5	9	11½
Lonrho	180	11½	15	20	1½	6	8
(*190½)	200	2	8½	10½	12½	16½	18½
Sears	90	6½	10	11	0½	2½	4
(*95½)	100	1	5	6	5	7	8½
Thorn	1700	114½	150	181½	9½	41½	57
(*1799)	1800	50	92½	129	39½	85	102
Tomkins	240	21	26	28½	0½	6½	8½
(*259)	260	6½	13	17	6½	15½	17½
Lloyds TSB	322	12	—	—	6½	—	—
(*325½)	352	2	—	—	27	—	—

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Glaxo W	850	43	61	76	17½	36	45½
(*866½)	900	18½	39½	52	43½	62½	72
HSBC	950	63½	84½	106	16½	34½	45
(*988½)	1000	34½	57	79½	36½	57½	68
Reuter	750	53	69½	84½	14	26½	34½
(*780)	800	25	43	59½	37	50	56½

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Royal Ins	420	31	39½	46½	7½	16½	21½
(*439½)	460	11½	20½	30	27	37½	42½

Series		Calls Jun			Puts Jun		
Fisons	260	5	—	—	0½	—	—
(*265)	280	0½	—	—	15	—	—

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Nat Pwr	500	33½	38½	38	5½	29	32½
(*527½)	550	6	18½	12	26	61½	68½
Scot Pwr	330	21½	28	32	3½	10	12½
(*348)	360	5	10½	14	16	26	28

May 21, 1996 Tot: 29505 Call: 11662 Put: 17843 FT-SE Call: 1342 Put: 4087
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 96	3800.0	3801.0	3783.5	3788.0	7129
Previous open interest: 63813	Sep 96	3800.0	3801.5	3795.0	3797.5	216
FT-SE 250	Jun 96				4540.0	0
Previous open interest: 4141	Sep 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 96	93.91	93.93	93.90	93.91	8029
Previous open interest: 373074	Sep 96	93.81	93.84	93.81	93.82	9514
	Dec 96	93.60	93.63	93.57	93.59	10739
Three Mth Euro Yen	Sep 96	99.16	99.16	99.16	99.16	611
	Dec 96	98.89	98.88	98.87	98.87	579
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 96	96.74	96.77	96.72	96.74	23661
Previous open interest: 1114723	Sep 96	96.78	96.82	96.75	96.77	39600
Long Gilt	Jun 96	106-28	107-00	106-09	106-14	45814
Previous open interest: 116770	Sep 96	105-28	105-28	105-10	105-15	4973
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 96	119.02	119.39	119.02	119.26	3021
	Sep 96	117.92	118.18	117.92	118.16	2328
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 96	96.87	97.20	96.85	96.90	134099
Previous open interest: 193721	Sep 96	96.02	96.28	95.97	95.99	4951
Three month ECU	Jun 96	95.64	95.68	95.64	95.66	1222
Previous open interest: 26417	Sep 96	95.73	95.78	95.73	95.76	536
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 96	97.84	97.90	97.81	97.84	3414
Previous open interest: 62609	Sep 96	97.81	97.87	97.75	97.81	12824
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 96	115.65	116.08	115.44	115.66	42156
Previous open interest: 71967	Sep 96	115.30	115.75	115.00	115.01	1644

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5¾ Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5 11/16. Sell: 2 mth 5 9/16; 3 mth: 5 9/16

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5 15/16-5¾	5⅞-5 13/16	5¾-5 11/16	5⅝-5 9/16	
Sterling Money Rates	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6 9/16-6 7/16
Interbank	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6 9/16-6 7/16
Overnight: open 6, close 5½					
Local Authority Deps	5¾	n/a	6	6⅛	6½
Sterling CDs	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	6-5⅞	6⅛-6	6½-6⅜
Dollar CDs	5.32	n/a	5.36	5.47	5.79
Building Society CDs	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6¼-6⅛	6 9/16-6 7/16

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	5⅛-4 15/16	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	5⅝-5½	5-4
Deutschemark	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3¼-3⅛	3¼-2¾
French Franc	3 11/16-3 9/16	3⅞-3¾	3 13/16-3 11/16	3 13/16-3 11/16	4-3
Swiss Franc	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2¼-2⅛	2¼-1½
Yen	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	⅝-½	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $391.00-391.30 Close: $389.80-390.30 High: $391.10-391.60
Low: $389.20-389.70 AM: $391.20 PM: $391.00
Krugerrand: $389.00-391.00 (£257.00-259.00)
Platinum: $397.70 (£262.95) Silver: $5.29 (£3.495) Palladium: $128.25 (£84.80)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5935-2.6097	2.6077-2.6097	¾-⅝pr	2⅛-2⅛pr
Brussels	47.69-47.97	47.93-47.97	13-10pr	36-31pr
Copenhagen	8.9598-9.0115	9.0038-9.0115	2-1½pr	5½-4½pr
Dublin	0.9673-0.9719	0.9684-0.9701	9-7pr	25-20pr
Frankfurt	2.3203-2.3341	2.3321-2.3341	½-¼pr	1½-1¼pr
Lisbon	238.30-239.70	239.34-239.59	¼-⅝ds	¼-⅝ds
Madrid	193.46-194.26	194.09-194.26	24-33ds	65-82ds
Milan	2380.9-2358.7	2357.1-2358.7	5-7ds	15-17ds
Montreal	2.0727-2.0801	2.0744-2.0762	0.29-0.20pr	0.48-0.37pr
New York	1.5112-1.5152	1.5132-1.5139	0.095-0.075pr	0.245-0.212pr
Oslo	9.9604-10.0111	9.9967-10.0111	1½-1pr	3½-2½pr
Paris	7.8607-7.8980	7.8929-7.8980	1½-1¼pr	4½-4pr
Stockholm	10.232-10.293	10.274-10.293	¼-⅝ds	¼-⅝ds
Tokyo	161.64-162.15	161.93-162.15	¾-½pr	2½-2¼pr
Vienna	16.323-16.425	16.409-16.425	¾-½pr	1½-1pr
Zurich	1.9067-1.9190	1.9153-1.9174	¾-½pr	2-1½pr

Source: Extel. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2594-1.2602
Austria	10.84-10.85
Belgium (Com)	31.66-31.70
Canada	1.3702-1.3707
Denmark	5.9500-5.9530
France	5.2172-5.2182
Germany	1.5410-1.5417
Hong Kong	7.7355-7.7360
Ireland	1.5600-1.5610
Italy	1557.25-1559.25
Japan	106.95-107.05
Malaysia	2.4925-2.4935
Netherlands	1.7225-1.7230
Norway	6.6105-6.6135
Portugal	157.21-157.26
Singapore	1.4087-1.4097
Spain	128.19-128.28
Sweden	6.7983-6.7993
Switzerland	1.2665-1.2674

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5146-1.5172
Australia dollar	1.9041-1.9064
Bahrain dinar	0.5645-0.5765
*Brazil real**	1.4812-1.4853
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7100-0.7200
Finland markka	7.0625-7.1785
Greece drachma	364.25-371.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.7023-11.7084
India rupee	52.52-53.48
Indonesia rupiah	3492.00-3560.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4495-0.4595
Malaysia ringgit	3.7707-3.7739
New Zealand dollar	2.2140-2.2173
Pakistan rupee	52.476 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4500-5.5000
Singapore dollar	2.1311-2.1336
S Africa rand (com)	6.5060-6.6080
U A E dirham	5.5000-5.6240

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	86	Land Secs	1,400
ASDA Gp	16,300	Legal & Gn	288
Abbey Ntl	1,700	Lloyds TSB	3,900
Allied Dom	3,700	Marks Spr	19,100
Argos	468	NatWst Bk	6,300
Argyll Gp	5,300	Nat Grid	1,000
AB Foods	408	Nat Power	4,300
BAA	11,300	P & O	966
BAT Inds	4,000	Pearson	593
BOC	313	Pilkington	1,300
BP	7,100	PowerGen	1,900
BSkyB	2,200	Prudential	6,100
BTR	7,400	RTZ/CRA	321
BT	5,500	RMC	52
Bk of Scot	4,900	RTZ	2,100
Barclays	1,700	Rank Org	1,800
Bass	2,000	Reckitt Col	811
Blue Circle	3,600	Redland	4,300
Boots	2,300	Reed Intl	238
BAe	1,000	Rentokil	2,900
BA	8,400	Reuters	2,200
Brit Gas	21,300	Rolls Royce	2,500
Brit Steel	4,500	Royal Ins	1,600
Burmah Cstl	1,200	Ryl Bk Scot	1,000
Burton	2,900	Sainsbury	1,700
Cable Wire	5,300	Schroders	331
Cadbury	961	Scot & New	206
Carlton Cms	1,100	Scot Power	1,700
Cm Union	372	*Svrn Trent*	1,300
Cookson	1,300	Shell Trans	3,100
Courtaulds	457	Siebe	1,300
Dixons	551	SmKl Bch	1,800
Enterpr Oil	3,800	Smith Nph	2,500
For & Col IT	908	Smiths Inds	203
GKN	439	Sthern Elec	1,700
GRE	1,100	Std Chartd	2,000
GUS	732	Sun Allnce	2,300
Gen Acc	401	TI Gp	832
Gen Elec	1,800	Tate & Lyle	1,100
Glaxo Well	6,700	Tesco	5,900
Granada	1,300	Thames W	624
Grand Met	3,300	*Thrn EMI*	1,000
Greenalls	709	Tomkins	4,700
Guinness	1,600	Unilever	1,400
HSBC	2,200	United Utils	1,000
Hanson	4,900	Vodafone	4,300
ICI	1,700	Whitbread	674
Kingfisher	2,000	Wlms Hld	1,600
LASMO	7,200	Wolseley	169
Ladbroke	5,000	Zeneca	1,300

WALL STREET

	May 21 midday	May 20 close
AMP Inc	43¼	43
AMR Corp	90½	90¾
ASA	44½	44¾
AT & T	62½	62¾
Abbott Labs	41¾	41½
Advanced Micro	18¼	19½
Aetna Life	73¾	71
Ahmanson (HF)	26½	26¾
Air Prod & Chem	58½	58¾
AirTouch Comm	32	31½
Alberto-Culver B	39¾	40½
Albertson's	39½	39½
Alcan Aluminum	32½	31½
Alco Standard	63	62½
Allied Signal	59½	59
Alum Co of Am	64¾	63½
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6¾
Amerada Hess	57¼	54½
Amer Brands	43½	43¾
Amer El Power	40¾	40½
Amer Express	47½	47¼
Amer Genl Corp	35½	35¼
Amer Home Pr	53¼	53¾
Amer Intl	93	92½
Amer Stores	36½	36½
Amer Standard	30	30¼
Ameritech	58	57½
Amoco	73¾	73¾
Anheuser-Busch	71½	69½
Apple Computer	27½	27⅝
Archer Daniels	19¾	19½
Armco	5¾	5½
Armstrng Wrld	58½	58½
Asarco	33¾	32¾
Ashland Oil	43¾	42½
Atl Richfield	121	121½
Auto Data Pro	38½	38
Avery Dennison	57¾	57½
Avon Products	46	46
Baker Hughes	32½	32½
Baltim Gas & El	27¼	27½
Banc One	39½	39¾
BankAmerica	75¾	76
Bank of NY	52½	52¼
Bankers Tr NY	74¾	75
Barnett Banks	62½	63
Bausch & Lomb	42	41½
Baxter Intl	44¾	44½
Becton Dicknsn	83½	83
Bell Atlantic	63¾	62½
Bell Industries	22½	21½
BellSouth	41¾	40¾
Black & Decker	40½	39¾
Block (H&R)	35¾	35½
Boeing	83¾	82¾
Boise Cascade	44½	44½
Bristol Myrs Sq	83¾	84¾
Browning Ferris	29½	29½
Brunswick	21	21
Burlington Nthn	80½	80½
CMS Energy Corp	29½	29½
CNA Financial	100	99½
CPC Intl	69	69
CSX	49	49½
Campbell Soup	66	65½
Can Pacific	20½	20½
Carolina Pwr	36½	36½
Caterpillar	66½	67½
Central & SW	27½	27½
Champion Intl	47½	46½
Chase Manhat	71½	71
Chevron Corp	62½	62
Chrysler	64	67½
Chubb Corp	47½	47½
Cigna Corp	114	113½
Citicorp	83½	83
Clorox	95½	94½
Coastal Corp	40½	39½
Coca Cola	47½	46½
Colgate-Palmolive	79½	79½
Columbia Gas	49½	49
Columbia/HCA	55½	53½
Compaq Comp	48½	47½
Comp Ass Intl	81½	80½
ConAgra	42½	42½
Conrail	71½	71½
Cons Edison	27½	27½
Cons Nat Gas	49½	49½
Cooper Inds	41½	41½
Corestates	41½	41½
Corning Inc	39½	39½
Crown Cork	48	48
Dana Corp	33½	32½
Dayton Hudson	103½	102
Deere	42½	42½
Delta Air Lines	85½	85
Deluxe Corp	36½	36½
Digital Equip	55	55½
Dillard Dept St	38	37½
Disney (Walt)	62½	61½
Dominion Res	39½	39½
Donnelley (RR)	35½	35
Dover Corp	49½	49½
Dow Chemical	87	86½
Dow Jones	38½	38½
Dresser	30½	30½
Duke Power	49½	48½
Dun & Bradstreet	60½	61½
Du Pont	81	82½
Eastman Chem	67½	66½
Eastman Kodak	76½	77½
Eaton Corp	58½	58½
Edison Intl	16	15½
Emerson Elec	86½	86½
Engelhard Corp	25½	25½
Enron Corp	41	40½
Entergy	27½	27½
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	86½	87½
FMC Corp	68	67½
FPL Group	43½	43½
Federal Express	81½	80½
Fed Nat Mrge	32½	32½
First Bk Sys	61½	62
First Union Rlty	7	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	45½	45
Fluor Corp	67	65½
Ford Motor	37	37
GTE Corp	44½	44½
Gannett	68	68½
Gap Inc Del	33	33½
Gen Dynamics	63½	63½
Gen Electric	83½	84½
Gen Mills	56½	57½
Gen Motors	56½	56½
Gen Reinsurance	140½	140½
Gen Signal	38½	38½
Genuine Parts	45½	45½
Georgia Pac	77½	77½
Gillette	57½	57½
Glaxo Welle ADR	26½	26½
Goodrich (BF)	38½	38½
Goodyear Tire	52½	52½
Grace (W&R)	79½	79½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	30½	30½
Great Wstn Fin	23½	23½
Halliburton	56½	56½
Harcourt General	50½	52½
Heinz (HJ)	32½	32½
Hercules	58	58½
Hershey Foods	75½	76½
Hewlett Packard	108½	109½
Hilton Hotels	103½	103½
Home Depot	52½	53½
Homestake Mng	19½	19½
Honeywell	51½	52½
Household Intl	69½	70½
Houston Inds	22½	22½
Humana	23½	23½
ITT Corp	61½	60½
Illinois Tool	68½	68½
Illinova	27½	27
INCO	33	32½
Ingersoll Rand	44	43½
Inland Steel	22½	22½
Intel Corp	71½	71
IBM	111½	111½
Intl Flav & Fr	48	49½
Intl Paper	42½	42½
James River Va	25½	25½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	95½	95½
Kellogg	72½	73½
Kerr-McGee	62½	62½
Kimberly-Clark	72½	72½
Kmart	10½	10½
Knight-Ridder	75½	75½
Lilly (Eli)	59½	60
Limited Inc	21½	21½
Lincoln Nat	47½	47½
Loews	46½	46½
Liz Claiborne	37½	37½
Lockheed Martin	83½	83½
Louisiana Pac	25½	25½
MCI Comm	29	29½
Marriott Intl	47½	48
Marsh & McLnn	95½	95½
Masco Corp	31½	32
May Dept St	49½	49
Maytag Corp	22½	22½
McDonalds	49	48½
McDonnell D	100½	100
McGraw Hill	47½	48
Mead Corp	55½	54½
Medtronic	55½	55½
Mellon Bk	55½	56
Melville Corp	40½	39½
Merck Inc	62½	63½
Merrill Lynch	64½	63½
Microsoft	116½	116½
Minnesota Mng	70½	69½
Mobil Corp	113½	114½
Monsanto	155½	154½
Morgan (JP)	88½	89½
Motorola Inc	65½	65½
Natl Semi	16½	16½
Natl Service Ind	38½	38½
Navistar Int	10½	10½
NY Times A	33½	33½
Newmont Mng	58½	58½
Niag Mhawk	7½	7½
Nike B	99½	96½
NL Industries	14½	14½
Noram Energy	10½	10½
Nordstrom	50½	50½
Norfolk Sthrn	87½	87½
Nthn State Pwr	47½	47½
Norwest Corp	36½	36
Nynex Corp	47½	47½
Occidental Pet	26½	26½
Ohio Edison	21½	21½
Oracle	35½	35½
Oryx Energy Co	16½	17
Overseas Ship	19	19½
Owens Corning	41	40½
PHH Corp	58½	58
PPG Industries	52½	52½
PNC Bank	30½	30½
PP&L Res	23	23½
Paccar Inc	49½	49½
PacifiCorp	20½	20½
Pac Enterprises	26½	26½
Pac Gas & Elect	22½	22½
Pac Telesis	33½	33½
Pall Corp	27½	27½
Parker Hannifin	41½	41½
Penn Energy	25½	25½
Penney (JC)	51	50½
Pennzoil	44½	44½
Pepsico	69½	69
Pfizer	67½	66½
Pharm & Upjhn	41½	41½
Phelps Dodge	70½	70½
Philip Morris	98½	98½
Phillips Pet	41½	41½
Pitney Bowes	50	49½
Polaroid	44½	45½
PriceCostco	20½	20½
Procter & Gmbl	88½	87½
Providian	44½	43
Pub Serv E & G	28½	28½
Quaker Oats	34½	34½
Ralston Purina	59½	60
Raychem Corp	79½	79½
Raytheon	52½	52½
Reebok Intl	30	30½
Reynolds Metals	55	55½
Rockwell Intl	56½	56½
Rohm & Haas	69½	68½
Royal Dutch	150½	150½
Rubbermaid	28½	28½
SBC Comms	49½	49
Safeco Corp	34½	35½
St Paul's Cos	51½	52½
Salomon Inc	43½	43
Sara Lee Corp	32½	32½
Schering Plough	57½	58
Schlumberger	86½	87½
Seagram	35½	36½
Sears Roebuck	50½	49½
Shell Trans	86½	86½
Sherwin Wlms	46	45½
Skyline Corp	25½	25½
Snap-On-Tools	48½	48½
Southern Co	23½	23½
Sprint Corp	43½	43½
Stanley Works	61½	61½
Sun Company	31½	32½
Sun Microsys	60½	58½
Suntrust	74½	73½
Supervalu	31½	31½
Sysco Corp	32½	32½
TRW Inc	94½	94½
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Tandem Comp	13	13
Tandy Corp	58½	58
Teledyne	39½	39½
Temple Inland	50½	50½
Tenneco	56½	56½
Texaco	85	86½
Texas Inst	53½	53½
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Unisys Corp	8½	8½
USAIR Group	18	17½
USF&G Corp	15½	15½
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United Tech	110	110
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VF Corp	60½	60½
WMX Tech	35	35
Wal-Mart Stores	24½	24½
Warner-Lambert	55½	55½
Wells Fargo	244½	242½
Westinghouse El	17½	17½
Weyerhaeuser	46½	46½
Whirlpool	57½	57½
Whitman	25½	25½
Winn Dixie	34½	34½
Woolworth	20½	20½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	53½	53½
Xerox	158½	157½
Yellow Corp	12½	12½

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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

It's no holiday being an MP

TIMING can't have been the top priority for the ten MPs heading off to New York and Washington next month. The Commons Treasury Select Committee, headed by Sir Tom Arnold, is due to publish its report into the Stock Exchange in the same month. But all bar one of the committee members feels that it would still be worth a jaunt to New York, to see the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq in action.

While there, they reasoned, they might as well pop up to Washington as part of their work on the IMF. Quentin Davies, a member of the committee, feels it would also be worth a trip to Paris and Frankfurt, to check out the French and German systems. All in the public's interest, and funded by the public purse, of course.

Ravenous Cathay

CATHAY PACIFIC is pouring its funds into a new HQ at Hong Kong's yet-to-be-built Chek Lap Kok airport, which is to house the world's largest kitchen and a staff hotel, complete with its own shopping mall.

To be ready by 1998, and at a cost of HK$3.5 billion, the entire airline is being moved to a 775,000 sq ft office building at the airport. Around £129 million alone has been spent on the kitchen, which will produce 80,000 meals a day and attempt to bring a more traditionally Asian flavour to the airline meals, including noodles for breakfast.

"Great news — Uncle Jim left us a Biotech share"

EVEN under new management, Yorkshire Water is struggling to avoid mistakes. The company has mailed millions of letters to customers, explaining why a hosepipe ban has been imposed before the summer even begins. Perplexed residents of York and Grimsby were among the recipients, even though they are supplied by different companies. More recently a resident of Robin Hoods Bay was sent six copies of the letter.

Flight of fancy

PLANS to include a Virgin plane in a mural at Raymond Blanc's new brasserie in Oxford have been quashed. Originally, one of Richard Branson's red and white aircraft was to be included in the mural at Le Petit Blanc, alongside a depiction of M Blanc decked out as an angel. Mr Branson, who is a partner in Blanc Restaurants, is now represented by a symbolic hot air balloon.

Stage fright

GLAXO Wellcome saw three young choristers wilt under the spotlight at a concert sponsored by the pharmaceutical giant. Programmes rustled as the first child fainted at the concert performed by the Hertfordshire Chorus and the Cantate Youth Choir. But then a second and third child went down and the audience began to wonder what exactly the children were taking part in. Glaxo Wellcome is now believed to be on the lookout for a fainting cure.

MORAG PRESTON

Corporate Britain caught in profit warning paradox

Martin Waller examines the reasons behind the recent spate of announcements

It has its own melancholy familiarity. There is even a kind of poetry in the formal, measured cadences. "In the light of current trading, the directors believe that results for the current year will fall some way below market expectations."

It is the profit warning. The above is the formalised version, slipped out via the Stock Exchange trading screens to waiting brokers, whose response is usually a panic cut in the prices they offer for the stock and a sharp share price fall while they work out how bad it really is.

The less formal version is sometimes indistinguishable from a normal trading statement — until the implications sink in that trading is significantly worse than anyone had been expecting. The share price tends to hold initially, and then slip back with a rush as the penny drops at the brokers.

Two examples of the formal version came last week. One was from Hodder Headline, one of the most aggressive book publishers; the other from Chamberlain Phipps, a small footwear group with a chequered history.

At the other end of the corporate size range, the mighty BTR combine used its annual meeting on Thursday to warn shareholders that first-half profits were running "moderately below" the same period last year. This week, APV, the engineer, told its annual meeting of an £8 million shortfall because of much-needed cost cuts.

These were only the latest in a wave of announcements since the middle of last year intended to calm market expectations. Since the start of March, according to recent research from NatWest Securities, there were 15 profit warnings from reasonable-sized companies such as George Wimpey, Pearson, Tate & Lyle and GUS. To that list must now be added BTR.

Such a rash of gloomy news might seem paradoxical. The economy is in good shape, there are stirrings in the housing market, even consumer spending is picking up. More concrete evidence comes from the results reporting season just over, from companies with a December year-end. This was very much in line with expectations, and while individual companies did better or worse than market expectations, corporate Britain showed itself to be in excellent shape.

There are three linked reasons for the rush of bad news on the City's screens that shows no signs of stopping. The first is over-reporting; the second, an earlier over-optimism on the part of City analysts. The third is macro-economic — the economy may broadly be in good shape, but manufacturing is in temporary, technical and unexpected recession.

Over-reporting is a result of the Stock Exchange's tightening of the rules on keeping the market informed. Previously, companies had kept analysts abreast of developments by means of informal, off-the-record briefings. This arrangement had advantages for both sides. The analysts appeared to be better informed than perhaps they were, while the company avoided any sharp lurches in its share price caused by surprise news.

This informal arrangement still exists, to some extent. Most research is communicated to the relevant company by the broker well in advance, and any changes to forecasts also tend to find their way to the finance director before they are published. Here they can be gently massaged up or down as appropriate.

But in February 1995, the Exchange indicated its dislike of off-the-record briefings by strengthening the rules forbidding the release of price-sensitive information to individuals. A well-reported scandal involving Caradon, the building materials firm, a City broker and a big City public relations operator served only to toughen this line. "What you don't want is half the market operating on reliable information the other half doesn't have," said one Exchange insider.

Companies, therefore, are today under strict instruction to go through official channels. This leads to a plethora of trading announcements, each triggered whenever conditions change.

One source, who understandably does not wish to be named, put it thus: "There's a great difference between shading an analyst's views and saying profits are going to be 10 per cent less than the market expects. Markets are very sensitive. If you have a material change to your business outlook, you have to get it out there, and as an announcement to the market rather than just phoning a few people."

The earlier over-optimism in the City on company earnings dates from last summer, when forecasts for the reporting season just finished were unrealistically high. Mark Brown, head of strategy and economics at ABN-Amro Hoare Govett, said his securities house was then looking for 19 per cent growth in profits from non-financial sources from British companies in 1995. With inflation running at a couple of percentage points this is an enormous real jump, and it proved to be too much. By the autumn, this had fallen to 12 per cent; and to 10 per cent this spring. "The results came in on average in line with the forecasts, but these had been brought down beforehand," said Mr Brown.

Forecasts for 1996 have also been cut, but less drastically — from 14 per cent non-financial earnings growth to 10 per cent again. "The analysts' numbers looking forward now, given that we've had the 1995 results, are much more realistic," added Mr Brown.

The reason those forecasts for last year and this were so far out of kilter links neatly with the third reason for the rash of profit warnings — macro-economic trends. Expectations of growth built into companies' forward planning last year were likewise too optimistic, because no one predicted the mini-recession in manufacturing. This weakness in manufacturing is at odds with growth in consumer demand, as logged by bodies such as the CBI, whose most recent *Distributive Trades Survey* shows the best response from retailers for two years. This gives rise to some hope for the future, but did not prevent some companies with exposure to consumer markets being profit-warning victims.

Also among the victims were a clutch of building materials firms. Although estate agents, building societies and other interested parties have been trying to persuade everyone that the recovery in housing is already under way, those on the ground have yet to see much benefit in terms of higher materials sales.

Sharp moves in share prices, such as after a bad trading statement, suggest a nervous stock market, prone to sell everything at the first sign of trouble. Many observers believe the market is looking toppy and ready for a correction. But NatWest makes an intriguing point. Profit warnings in the fourth quarter of last year resulted in an 8 per cent underperformance by the stocks involved over the subsequent month. But those recent warnings have prompted a negligible 0.2 per cent underperformance.

This says that the market is becoming immune to such warnings, or is still optimistic of economic recovery and uses them and the resulting fall as a buying opportunity.

If so, the market is probably wise. A profits increase of 10 per cent from corporate Britain this year would be a remarkable improvement, even if driven by margin increases that may not have much further to go. Further gains can be expected once continental economies return to growth. That 10 per cent figure is worth remembering next time that familiar warning mantra crops up on screen or page.

Bearers of bad tidings: Tim Hely-Hutchinson, left, of Hodder Headline; Ian Strachan, top, of BTR; Sir Neil Shaw, middle, of Tate & Lyle; Joe Dwyer, right, of George Wimpey; and Dan Sullivan, bottom, of Chamberlain Phipps

ANTHONY HARRIS

US arrives late for the revolution

Professor Milton Friedman should be a happy man this week. The monetarism he proclaimed has lost some of its appeal. Governments have found it unworkable, and its results in the world's bond markets have been unfortunate: the good news/bad news equation. The bond market vigilantes threaten to stifle not only any attempt at fiscal reflation, but spontaneous recovery too. Activity and money growth rise, bond and stock prices fall, and everything peters out. A less than Nobel-scale achievement.

But he foresaw this, and at last the US Treasury has embraced the solution he urged more than 20 years ago: indexed borrowing. The proposal was first floated in the US Treasury more than a decade ago, after an exploratory visit to London. But it was blocked by Jim Baker, at the behest of Wall Street, and has stayed blocked, in spite of vocal support by no less than the near-sainted Alan Greenspan. Perhaps he can take the operational credit; anyway, it is now official.

Theory, before we get to US practice. Indexed borrowing used to be described as an admission of defeat by inflation, fit only for a banana republic; but the truth is just the opposite. Since this is the one form of Government debt which cannot be inflated away, it is more like a declaration of war: a government prepared to bet on its own determination to keep inflation in check. But other things being equal, it only shows a fiscal saving if future inflation proves lower than the rate discounted in conventional bond yields. However, they are not equal, since indexation diversifies government borrowing, and offer inflation fogeys a security which directly addresses their fears.

The results of a fogey-free market in New York are hardly likely to be as dramatic as they were in London 15 years ago. Then, the offer of indexed gilts brought down the yield on long conventional stocks by nearly half in six months. But that was in special circumstances: inflation was still high, as was borrowing, and the authorities had launched a 20-year gilt with a 16 per cent coupon not long before; and the fall was helped by sterling, rising strongly on a tide of North Sea oil. The US, by contrast, has chosen to launch at a time of low inflation and some fiscal stringency, and a strong conventional bond market. The appeal of indexation is not obvious.

A revolution, then? Not yet at any rate. "Embraced" is too strong a word: the announcement last week was of an initial issue of up to $3 billion of indexed paper, dates and terms still unknown: more a first tentative fumble than a hug. But the implications are revolutionary, all the same, given that the Treasury's unstated aim is said to be to fund 15 per cent of its borrowing (say, $45 billion) in this way. For the first time, the world's biggest financial market will have a market-determined benchmark of riskless real return — and benchmark not only for bonds, but for equities. In London, be it noted, indexed yield a shade less than equities, because they are risk-free.

Are the US Treasury officials, then, hoping for an indexed yield of under 2 per cent? Not if they are listening to market guesses, which range from 3.5 per cent upwards. Their timing, indeed, looks puzzling: bear food when the bulls are grazing. Perhaps the old opponents of indexation want to see it off to a bad start. Or perhaps the ideological breakthrough occurred a few weeks back, when the Wall Street markets were looking sick. The hope then might have been that an indexed escape route would prevent bond-market fears of economic success from proving self-fulfilling; or, more simply, to attract the mutual funds, which have not recently been bonds buyers. Now it looks a little like a muffed launch.

All the same, the genie is out of the bottle; and if the Treasury sticks to its plans, it will have potentially large effects on market valuations. And not just on Wall Street. In Spain and Italy, conditions for indexation are near ideal — high coupons, falling inflation. If the US leads, can they be far behind?

UK must make common cause in Europe, says **Robbie Gilbert**

Time to rejoin social policy debate

On questions of social policy in Europe, our Government is like the unsavoury misfit in the TV sitcom *Rab C. Nesbit* — difficult for others to comprehend and rarely thought to be worth the effort.

The Inter-Governmental Conference now beginning offers the best chance since Maastricht to move away from this unwelcome typecasting. An effective British contribution is needed to ensure that Europe is not committed to levels of social protection that future generations will be unable to afford.

Britain's refusal at Maastricht to concede majority voting on a wider range of social issues was a useful marker — at a time when other governments did not recognise these dangers. But some who take a longer view worry increasingly about Britain's inability since Maastricht to forge alliances around a realistic, shared view of the role of social policy in Europe.

Perceptions elsewhere in Europe have shifted our way. The turning point came in 1993 when the commission published its White Paper, *Competitiveness, Growth, Employment*. Those who had previously argued for the most generous entitlements, almost regardless of cost, were now saying that rising social costs threatened the economic growth and, in particular, the employment opportunities needed to support them.

On social policy, all could probably agree today that while "no important step can be gained unless you can effect some reduction of the hours of labour and humanise their toil, the great problem is to be able to achieve such results without violating those principles of economic truth upon which the prosperity of all states depends". The message is consistent with Delors in 1993, but the words are Disraeli's, setting out the principles of modern Conservatism in 1872. Hence the disappointment that this changed approach has not brought Britain to the forefront of the policy debate.

Here the problem of the Social Protocol opt-out as a long-term strategy emerges. We cannot be indifferent to policy developments. Sometimes we are directly affected. Take the Working Time directive, and the threat posed to flexible working by its unimaginative endorsement of the old five-days-a-week and eight-hours-a-day pattern. It stems from treaty obligations on which there is no opt-out.

Meanwhile, proposals brought forward under the Social Protocol may not apply directly here, but they still affect the economic performance of UK businesses in respect of their European operations, in spite of our opt-out. If Europe falters, Britain suffers — because the European Union is our main trading partner.

> The opt-out should end now others recognise the real threat of excessive social burdens

What we need is to make common cause with others in Europe who recognise it is essential to make countries attractive to the world as places to do business — like Ireland, Portugal and Sweden. The Government should offer to end the opt-out now that others recognise the real threat of excessive social burdens.

The opportunity is there for our Government to nail down the commission and Council of Ministers to the approach they outlined in their 1993 White Paper: even-handed application of European law in all countries; more emphasis in European policy on education and training to standards recognised everywhere; and measures that encourage firms to deploy more people more effectively to satisfy their customers, rather than push up costs and cut jobs in the name of social progress.

All public policy in Britain now comes with a price tag. In theory, this happens in Europe but it simply is not taken seriously. Britain must insist that every social policy proposal is properly assessed in future. Its impact on the competitiveness of Europe's businesses in the world, and on their ability to grow and support employment, must be given due weight. We must not leave insupportable burdens to future generations.

If we act now, there could be an opportunity to win practical improvements in the directives already agreed on parental leave and, in particular, on European works councils, before these come into operation elsewhere.

But the British Government has an internal organisation problem to overcome first. Social policy proposals emerging from Directorate-General V in Brussels are the clear responsibility of one or two ministries in other countries — here they are split messily between four. Health and safety matters belong to Environment; pensions fall to the Department of Social Security; employment or training are the responsibility of the Department for Education and Employment, which also has responsibility for equal opportunities, but, confusingly, maternity pay and parental leave — and many key employee relations topics, such as the proposals on works councils — now reside at the Department of Trade and Industry.

This must be put right so that we can have consistent, politically sensitive advocacy on social policy, as the intergovernmental discussions progress. It might be best to give overall responsibility to the Deputy Prime Minister. Michael Heseltine could then exercise his leonine charm and experience in countering our current unedifying image and the limited regard for our views that goes with it.

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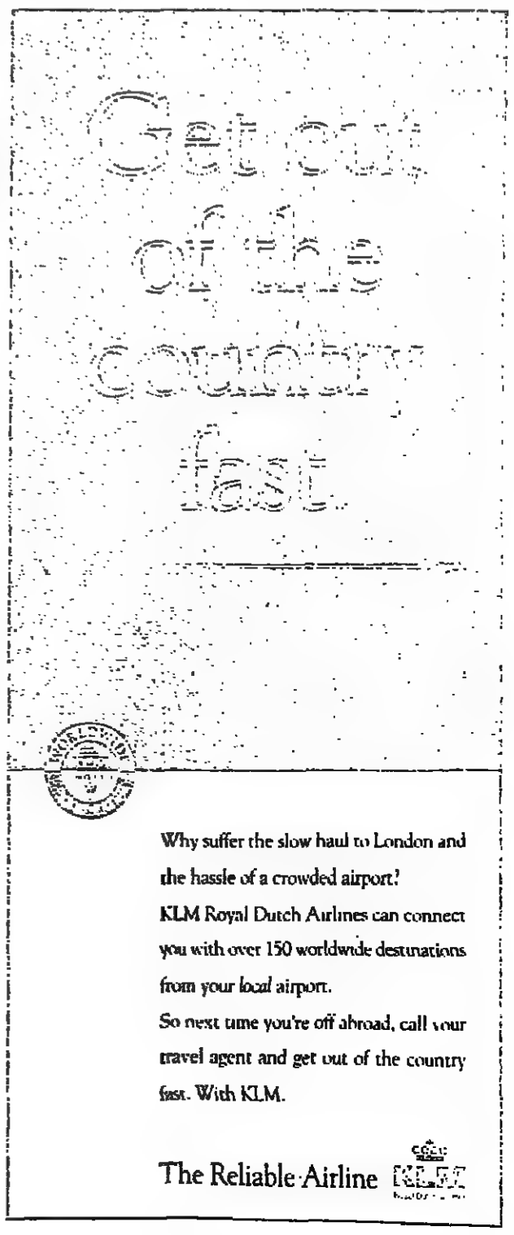

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Technology	346.40	363.40†	+ 1.80	0.00
UK Special Sits	583.10	623.30	- 3.10	1.09
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01203 526 991				
Capital Dist Prem	117.70	122.30	...	3.54
Foreign Fixed Prem	70.19	72.93	...	1.44
BBL-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	81.21	86.39	+ 0.04	1.64
International	73.54	77.17	...	..
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4562				
Japanese	358.70	383.50	+ 0.30	..
Bond	119.30	121.30†	- 0.20	0.50
Bdt Dstr Cos	127.00	135.10	+ 0.40	1.65
Dstr & Gen #	73.70	78.40†	- 0.09	5.03
Bonus	288.00	294.30	+ 0.30	0.57
Euro Smlr Cos	124.60	132.70	- 0.10	0.60
Income Gwth	391.00	416.00	- 0.30	4.19
Japan	347.70	369.80	+ 0.50	..
Latin American	84.59	94.54	+ 1.19	0.82
Pacific	181.70	193.80	- 0.30	1.13
UK Smlr Cos	62.65	66.87	+ 0.02	1.20
Japan Fd	724.60	767.10	- 1.70	..
Mngd Fd	203.40	213.90†	- 0.10	2.77
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 489 6873				
Bdt & Dstnc	371.30	392.70	..	0.01
Global Gwth	126.80	133.90	...	3.48
Wrldw Opps	225.70	238.60	...	0.06
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0161 834 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	415.00	433.30†	+ 0.10	2.43
European Bd Inc	66.01	68.51	+ 0.04	0.48
Exempt	60.40	66.74†	- 0.04	2.94
Financial	69.06	165.90†	+ 0.60	2.61
500	536.00	560.40	+ 1.30	2.28
General	334.10	348.80	+ 0.80	2.48
Property	248.70	266.20	...	5.19
Trustee	223.60	238.40	...	2.35
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	108.60	100.60†	...	8.30
Extra Income #	135.70	145.10†	- 0.30	4.62
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.94	58.06†	...	8.06
Income #	587.20	626.00	- 1.10	4.62
Income Builder #	69.40	74.09	- 0.25	5.34
Intl Income	71.51	76.00	- 0.01	2.61
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	138.70	148.00	- 0.20	2.14
Lislaine	178.70	191.10	- 0.50	0.86
Recovery	465.80	518.00	- 3.20	2.84
Smlr Cos Inc	61.82	68.29	+ 0.15	1.86
Special Sits	389.90	418.10	+ 0.10	0.80
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	178.20	189.30†	+ 1.00	0.01
Asia Acc	294.30	314.10	- 4.40	1.83
Asia Inc	177.50	189.40	- 2.70	1.83
Euro Gwth Inc	193.40	205.10	+ 0.80	0.72
Euro Inc	208.50	221.50	+ 0.70	0.72
Japan & Gen Inc	168.30	178.10	+ 0.30	..
Japan Spec Sits	178.10	189.10	+ 0.30	..
Worldwide	204.90	217.80	+ 0.40	0.61
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	135.40	143.00	+ 0.80	..
Amer Smlr Cos	189.80	200.00	+ 1.20	..
Commodities	61.12	65.49	- 0.10	4.90
Eastern	325.00	351.50	+ 1.30	0.39
Equity Income	95.98	102.40†	- 0.20	3.80
European Growth	377.20	400.50†	- 0.20	0.00
Europe	354.70	377.70	+ 0.80	1.58
Gaucus Growth	68.53	93.67	+ 0.07	0.50
Global Bond	71.02	74.73	- 0.06	0.50
Global Growth	153.40	163.20	+ 0.70	0.49
Japan Growth	217.00	231.20	+ 0.40	..
Japan Smaller	184.10	195.80	- 0.60	..
Korea Trust	81.61	88.54	- 0.82	..
Portfolio	148.40	158.00	+ 0.20	2.30
-do- Accum	277.80	297.40	+ 0.40	2.30
UK Growth	161.20	168.40	+ 0.70	2.00
UK Smaller Cos	100.20	108.00†	+ 0.20	2.50
Select Managers	91.89	98.52	+ 0.10	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3000				
Intl Cash Port Inc	95.22	101.20	+ 0.00	..
Special Oppor Inc	65.41	69.59	+ 1.05	..
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6000				
Balanced Growth	149.66	148.83†	+ 0.66	1.30
-do- Accum	162.87	171.50	+ 1.13	1.30
Smaller Cos	157.36	165.65†	+ 0.80	0.44
Higher Yield #	55.44	59.75†	+ 0.20	3.64
American Gth Inc	103.89	109.34	- 0.50	..
European Growth	166.95	175.60	+ 0.56	0.10
-do- Accum	182.38	179.13	+ 0.57	0.10
Global Bond Inc #	26.35	27.50	- 0.10	6.51
Mngd Profile Inc	54.44	57.30	...	1.29
-do- Accum	56.10	59.34	...	1.29
Intl Spec Opps	172.96	183.02	- 1.00	..
Pacific Cste	157.22	169.39	- 0.51	0.02
UK General #	95.59	101.15	+ 0.49	2.72
-do- Accum #	100.63	106.46	+ 0.51	2.72
Japan	65.06	68.87	+ 0.17	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	98.09	101.64†	+ 0.08	8.00
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 490 7218				
Short Dated Gilt	65.04	65.67	+ 0.01	0.45
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Envirion	193.10	203.30	+ 0.40	1.81
UK Growth	205.10	216.90	...	2.03
UK Income	144.92	152.40†	- 0.40	4.50
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Eqs Dist	235.20	248.20	+ 1.20	1.58
-do- Income Dist	121.80	128.20†	- 0.30	3.87
-do- Accum	391.70	415.20	- 0.90	3.87
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.54	42.60	- 0.07	6.38
Growth Units	245.70	252.80	+ 1.20	2.01
Bond	173.20	182.50	...	7.30
Intl Growth	255.30	271.80†	+ 0.20	0.19
North American	283.60	280.90	+ 1.40	0.17
Far East	322.50	346.00	- 1.60	0.56
UK Smaller Cos	223.00	240.20†	+ 1.10	0.76
European	98.10	104.10	...	0.78
Japanese Growth	51.70	54.88	+ 0.10	..
High Income	211.80	226.50	- 0.30	4.19
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	230.20	244.20	+ 0.60	..
European Inc	93.84	99.25	- 0.97	0.67
Smaller Cos (4-1)	108.20	115.20	+ 0.20	1.28
Growth	336.30	378.00	- 1.30	1.54
Income & Growth #	455.80	484.70	- 2.80	3.83
-do- Accum #	673.40	716.40	- 4.20	3.83
Japan & Gen	76.47	81.11	+ 0.25	..
Middle Portfolio	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 3.00	1.86
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 3.00	1.86
Special Sits	125.20	133.20	- 0.10	1.55
High Yield	214.50	215.00†	- 2.00	4.36
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0766				
Cazenove Portfolio	102.28	108.60	+ 0.13	2.35
American Portfolio	124.01	131.67	+ 0.55	0.07
European Portfolio	121.77	140.32	- 0.25	0.82
High Income	50.62	53.75†	- 0.06	7.69
Japanese Portfolio	74.76	78.41	+ 0.03	..
Pacific Portfolio	163.89	176.34	- 0.84	1.36
UK Equity	97.95	104.48	+ 0.29	3.05
UK Equity & Int	55.71	59.80	- 0.26	5.43
CENT BD OF FM OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	759.61	771.09	+ 5.54	4.29
Fxd Int Sec	154.91	155.53	+ 0.95	9.19
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	744.62	759.88	+ 3.82	4.34
Investment Acc	833.56	834.07	+38.97	..
Fixed Int Inc	124.81	125.31	+ 1.13	9.38
Fixed Int Acc	217.23	218.11	+ 2.01	..
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5900				
Beckman Intl	66.67	69.66	...	3.17
Rech Bio-Tech	51.82	55.57	...	..
Assoc Biblical Tst	190.56	200.00	...	0.56
City Fin Assets	82.97	87.13†	...	1.54
City Fin America	122.75	128.90†	...	..
City Fin Intl	97.15	102.02†	...	0.47
City Fin Japan	167.16	175.47	...	..
Friars Hse Cap	300.15	321.22	...	2.14
Friars Hse Inc	200.44	213.22†	...	3.01
Rackley Wdd Grth	158.43	165.61	...	..
J Sbl Inc/Gth Inc	57.38	60.25	...	1.58
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	58.69	63.32	- 0.38	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	85.70	91.17	+ 0.82	..
Dragon Growth	78.30	81.69	+ 0.09	0.35
Equity High Inc	98.17	95.60	..	4.08
-do- Accum	128.87	135.02	..	4.08
Euro Income Inc	26.65	27.42	+ 0.01	7.48
Euro Income Acc	27.86	28.23	+ 0.01	7.48
European Gwth	64.56	68.52	+ 0.12	0.65
Fengmont	33.69	35.39	+ 0.13	4.70
General Equity	101.57	107.77	- 0.06	2.88
Japan Growth	56.57	60.01	+ 0.15	..
Pedigree Cmtn	63.40	67.51	+ 0.07	2.36
Pref Shr Ovs Inc	38.41	41.53†	+ 0.12	1.20
Pref Shr Ovs Acc	41.75	44.42	+ 0.13	1.20
Retirement Inc #	27.90	29.88	- 0.07	5.86
Special Sits	48.55	51.85	- 0.20	0.00
UK & Overseas	61.30	66.04	+ 0.20	0.59
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 696 000				
Balanced	66.86	71.43	- 0.12	4.62
Capital	82.26	85.70	...	2.29
High Income	58.27	62.29†	...	7.25
Top 50	54.92	57.13	+ 0.06	2.14
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PFT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	188.10	201.20†	- 0.70	4.58
Long Gilt	42.04	44.88†	- 0.15	8.43
Monthly Inc Plus	48.99	52.13	- 0.11	8.60
Preference Share	47.10	50.11†	- 0.07	7.94
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	137.58	148.30†	- 0.21	5.63
Managed Fund	77.42	83.38†	- 0.06	2.65
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	92.21	35.65†	+ 0.17	1.77
-do- Accum	61.83	65.78†	+ 0.21	1.77
UK & General	95.62	101.72†	+ 0.27	2.65
-do- Accum	124.03	131.94†	+ 0.37	2.65
UK Growth	188.61	201.71†	+ 0.61	1.39
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	217.64	231.32†	+ 0.08	0.61
Far Eastern Gth	147.00	156.40†	+ 0.15	0.03
Global Bond	83.10	88.21†	+ 0.11	5.01
Japan Growth	125.80	133.62†	+ 0.48	..
North Amer Gwth	244.19	258.78†	+ 0.92	..
Oriental Growth	98.84	94.51†	- 0.09	0.98
Worldwide Growth	79.07	83.06†	+ 0.11	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PFT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.01	93.01†	+ 0.03	5.37
Homemaker Fund	93.06	99.84	+ 0.13	1.32
Quilter Fund	166.12	166.09	- 0.11	1.86
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	36.36	38.94	..	3.15
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 369				
Bonus	196.88	197.00†	..	1.18
Income	73.32	76.94	- 0.15	0.87
Europe	76.58	80.37	- 0.16	0.65
Recovery	198.30	201.40	+ 1.30	1.48
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 253 0499				
Equity Dist	990.80	986.40	..	3.45
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 680 370				
Fellowship Tst	113.30	120.50	+ 0.20	1.00
Income #	285.90	293.70	+ 0.20	4.17
-do- Accum #	797.30	794.80	+ 0.60	4.17
Smaller Cos	246.80	261.30	+ 1.00	0.00
-do- Accum	363.80	382.90	+ 1.30	0.00
Gn Portfolio	422.40	422.30	+ 0.90	1.50
High Inc Port #	93.56	96.25	- 0.02	4.31
DARTMOUTH UT MGMT LTD				
0171 476 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1713.00	1797.00	...	..
Asian Small Cos	1477.00	1597.10	...	..
UK Small Cos	2324.70	2523.00	...	2.66
Gn Small Cos	2004.00	2211.00	...	0.50
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGMT				
0171 377 8818				
Dis Inc	236.30	248.80	...	2.85
For Details see Edinburgh				
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGMT LTD				
01242 577 586				
UK Balanced Inc	169.66	177.40	+ 0.10	1.82
UK High Inc Inc	171.80	182.70†	- 0.30	3.74
-do- Accum	232.60	246.80†	- 0.40	3.74
UK Pref & F I Inc	68.08	69.28	- 0.06	8.94
Government Opps	106.60	107.00†	+ 0.30	0.63
UK Smlr Cos #	69.82	74.27	- 0.37	0.60
Euro Income Inc	43.02	01.08	+ 0.02	0.34
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0345 089 529				
American	184.00	189.00	+ 0.40	0.41
Convertibles #	52.80	54.32	- 0.22	5.70
Equity Income #	144.60	153.00	+ 0.10	3.91
Eastern	62.80	66.40	- 0.12	0.20
Financial	56.25	59.87	- 0.01	1.50
Growth & Inc #	280.00	297.00	+ 0.30	2.76
High Dist #	178.70	188.90†	+ 0.40	4.90
International	404.30	453.30	+ 1.60	0.08
Inc Cap Inc	108.40	115.70†	- 0.20	2.51
Latin American	34.47	36.82	+ 0.70	..
Pacific	91.00	96.60	- 0.18	..
Prof High Inc	21.90	23.27†	- 0.03	7.69
Tokyo	291.40	309.60	- 0.30	..
UK Smaller Cos	370.10	397.60†	+ 0.40	1.05
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Growth	338.70	357.60†	+ 0.50	0.59
New Asia	282.50	298.00†	+ 0.20	0.21
Japan Growth	134.20	131.50	- 0.20	..
Jap Smlr Co	524.10	558.30†	- 0.20	..
Nth Amer	423.29	447.50	+ 2.60	0.65
UK Inc & Gth	246.90	263.80†	- 0.70	2.91
ELY PLACE UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Bdt Director Opps	116.64	124.75	+ 1.10	1.29
Growth Acc	282.50	270.67	- 0.80	0.40
Income	012.60	647.06	- 3.20	4.85
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7201				
Endurance Fd	234.20	249.10	...	0.57
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 466				
European	94.70	98.80	- 0.13	1.04
Ethical Tst	52.51	55.27	- 0.17	0.66
Far Eastern	388.10	368.67	- 0.22	1.55
High Income	138.55	145.54†	- 0.20	4.70
UK Index Trading	48.25	51.84	+ 0.15	3.22
Intl Growth	154.11	162.22	- 0.38	0.21
North American	151.61	159.59	+ 0.23	1.50
Pulteney	137.48	144.71†	+ 0.37	3.14
Smaller Cos	76.85	80.96	+ 0.03	2.74
Special Sits	162.11	107.48	+ 0.06	2.44
Tst of Inv Tsts	230.30	231.56	+ 0.57	1.06
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	234.30	248.30†	+ 0.00	1.48
Smaller Cos Acc	417.70	444.30†	+ 0.17	1.48
Recovery	58.91	62.67	- 0.01	1.38
Recovery Acc	60.61	64.70†	- 0.05	1.38
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	88.94	96.38	- 0.02	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	53.44	57.59	+ 0.13	0.51
High Income #	38.29	41.00†	+ 0.03	11.22
Warrant	95.68	60.30	+ 0.12	..
Zero Preference	42.54	46.13	+ 0.01	..
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	91.90	97.85†	+0.120	2.57
United Charities	307.90	327.50†	+1.100	2.60
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Call/Inc: Private Clients: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	5.49
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.49	27.59†	+ 0.01	7.25
Intl Bond	29.46	30.59†	- 0.01	5.49
Income Funds				
High Income	26.80	27.20†	+ 0.01	5.30
Income Plus	127.20	135.50	...	3.91
Amer Eq Inc	64.88	68.46†	+ 0.24	1.29
European Income	49.46	52.66	- 0.03	2.58
Far East Inc	69.26	73.70†	+ 0.14	1.50
Global Convertible	26.44	28.11	+ 0.07	2.48
UK Div Gth	30.64	32.58	+ 0.03	2.89
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	72.19	77.01	- 0.43	..
American	340.30	360.90	+ 1.10	..
Adrat Spec Sits	201.00	214.40†	+ 1.90	..
Japan Smaller Cos	38.97	42.64	- 0.02	..
European	224.70	239.00	- 0.30	0.57
European Opps	58.24	65.32	- 0.31	0.15
Global Pen	31.97	34.00	- 0.17	0.66
UK Growth	122.50	130.30	+ 0.30	1.10
Growth & Inc	173.00	184.00	+ 0.20	2.62
Intl PEP	47.87	50.90	+ 0.07	0.85
Japan Spec Sits	102.82	109.50	..	..
Japan	198.60	211.00	+ 0.70	..
Managed Intl	360.40	382.80	+ 0.70	0.40
Moneybuilder	68.57	73.00	+ 0.16	..
Recovery	61.48	66.57	+ 0.10	1.65
South E Asia	188.00	200.60	+ 0.60	0.57
Special Sits	754.80	802.40	+ 2.30	0.57
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	114.27	114.27	+ 0.01	5.49
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	154.50	159.30	..	1.97
Inc Profile #	94.18	96.86†	+ 0.07	3.24
Cap Profile	164.50	167.20	+ 0.60	1.07
General Opps	140.00	141.70†	...	3.77
Growth Inc	37.24	37.98†	+ 0.04	0.54
Private Portfolio	503.40	513.40	..	1.65
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 680 366 Admin/Vol 01277 680 360				
Euro Smlr Cos	148.20	158.60	+ 0.30	0.46
Emg Asian	165.00	176.50	- 1.10	..
High Income	21.92	23.29†	+ 0.03	0.66
UK Income	112.20	118.70†	+ 0.20	4.19
US Smaller Cos	436.50	465.40	+ 2.00	..
For Foster & Braithwaite see Quilter				
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Eng 0171 330 8860 Dealing 0345 775911				
American Growth	82.48	87.60	+ 0.30	..
-do- Accum	82.48	87.60	+ 0.30	..
Amer Smlr Cos	732.50	804.00	+ 3.00	..
-do- Accum	765.00	822.20	+ 4.10	..
Capital Tst	402.50	428.20	- 0.40	1.18
-do- Accum	538.00	625.50	- 0.60	1.18
Cont Smlr Cos	68.64	80.75	+ 0.12	0.75
-do- Accum	85.16	73.00	+ 0.13	0.75
Convertible	143.00	152.80	- 0.30	5.64
-do- Accum	306.00	324.00	- 0.50	5.60
Emerging Markets	73.57	79.03	+ 0.18	..
-do- Accum	74.22	79.30	+ 0.20	..
European	149.20	158.10	+ 0.80	0.55
-do- Accum	157.80	167.20	+ 0.70	0.55
Extra Income	388.10	412.90	- 1.00	5.08
-do- Accum	604.10	642.70	- 1.40	5.08
Financial	168.50	179.30†	+ 0.60	0.38
-do- Accum	178.30	190.00†	+ 0.70	0.38
Gilt Trust	60.20	65.10†	- 0.03	6.72
-do- Accum	98.71	80.70†	- 0.05	6.72
Health Fund Inc	314.00	336.30†	+ 1.50	..
-do- Accum	314.00	336.30†	+ 1.50	..
Income & Growth	227.80	242.30	- 0.40	3.22
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Modest gains in thin trading

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	480	Allied Domecq†	485	- 1	5.1	19.5
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	534		2.6	14.6
121	115	Burn Stewart	115		5.4	24.6
650	615	Glenmorange A	633			
464	411	Grand Met	442½			
493	435	Guinness†	482	- 4		
377	315	Highland Distl	373			
195	150	Macallan-Glen	165			
792	655	Matthew Clark	793			
101	93	Minmet W	100	- 1	1.9	
2612½	1706½	SA Breweries	1975	- 12½	2.0	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3584¾	2743¾	ABN-AMRO	3394¾	- 21¾		
663	529	Abbey Nat	573			
386	322	Allied Irish	350	+ 1		
336	299	Aus New Z	313			
5247½	3843½	Bank America†	5012½	- 18½		
316	235½	Bank Scotland†	279	- 8		
819	683	Barclays	782	- 3	4.8	
488	422	Bk of Ireland	467	- 3		
482	403	Cater Allen	405		9.3	
5487½	4031¼	Citicorp	5487	- 29		
392	318	Close Bros	365			
£157¼	£141¼	Commerzbk	£145¼	- 3½		
1350	1171½	Dai Ichi Kan	1212½	- 6½		
3412½	2979¾	Deutsche Bk	3193¼	- 16½		
803¾	593¾	Espirito Santo	775			
1507	1265½	Fuji Bank	1434½			
472	370	Gerrard Nat	370	- 3		
252	196	Hambros	236	- 1	4.0	
1125	931	HSBC†	999	- 3		
1099	[illegible]	HSBC Hk†	934	- 9		
[illegible]	385	Irish Perm	396			
173	143	King Shaxson	172			
453	446	Leopold J	453			
347½	294½	Lloyds TSB	336			
640	576	Nat Aust Bk	621	- 1		
711	[illegible]	Nat West	659	- 12	4.9	
66	58	Rea Brothers	60			
586	483	Ryl Bk Scot†	535			
1380	1105	Schroders	1273	+ 12		
1128	890	Schroders N/V	1043	+ 15		
116	99½	Singer & Fried	111			
662½	547	Stand Chart†	625	+ 5		13.6
105	85½	Union	93	+ 1		
£174½	£131½	Wells Fargo	£159¼	- 8½		
329½	264	Westpac	309			
305	268	Wintrust	303			

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
50	36	Abrdn Sp Hs	36			
370	283	Ascot Hldgs	370			
797½	702	Bass	766	- 1	3.7	17.1
70	42½	Bk for the Bd	42½	- 1½	4.9	
177	161	[illegible]	162			
123	92	Cny Centre Rest†	116			
552	483	Compass Gp	544	- 6		
283	190	Eldridge P A	251	- 2		
519	413	Fullr Sm A	513			
606	551	Greenalls Gp	587½			
685	604	Greene King	684			
278	224	Greenery [illegible]	278	- 2		
254	204	Groupe Chez Gn	229	- 2		
357	300	Hardy Hanson	307		4.1	11.7
230	155	Heavitree	210		3.5	12.7
3475	3085	Holt JT	3175		2.2	
55	45	[illegible]	51			
348	313	Mansfield	347		1.9	
397	307	Marston Thmp	352		2.8	16.6
673	535	Morland	640	- 10		
147	118	My Kinda Town	143			
6½	4½	Paramount†	5½		5.0	
142½	123	Pelican Gp	136	- 2	1.5	23.9
388	217	PizzaExpress	388	+ 3	0.8	38.1
428	345	Ramsdens (H)	423	- 15	1.5	44.4
1063	858	Regent Inns	1060	- 3		
700	607	Scot & New	675			
358	305	Tom Cobleigh	325			
313	288	Vaux Group†	287			
958	640	Wetherspoon JD	938			
758	672	Whitbread†	733	- 2		
693	578	Wolverhmptn D	669	- 5		
407	297	Yates Bros	392	- 4	1.0	34.8
615	425	Young 'A'	613	- 2	3.1	24.9

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
33	17½	AAF Inds	30			
175	135	Abbey	168		3.9	10.9
300	215	Allen	297	+ 1	2.6	21.7
121	92	Amec†	114			
330	233	Andrews Sykes†	328	- 2		
200	160	Ashtead	185		1.7	16.0
38	26	Avonside	38			
32	24	Bailey (Ben) Con	31		4.2	13.0
51	34	[illegible]	51	+ 1	0.7	
301	211	[illegible]	295	- 1	4.0	15.7
213	188	Beazer Homes	190		3.9	15.4
344	249	Bellway	334	+ 5	2.9	16.5
21	17	Bellwinch	20			
396	483	Berkeley Gp	396		1.7	18.4
173	135	Bird Bros	147		4.6	5.3
290	175	Bovis (Henry)†	243		3.9	10.5
130	81	Brandon Hire	120		2.4	17.5
27	19	Britannia Brpt	24	+ 1	8.3	
51	31	Br Bldg & Eng	41			
135	104	Bryant	125	- 1	5.1	15.1
99	[illegible]	CALA	98	- 1	4.2	10.7
22	10	Campbell & Arm	14	- 1		11.1
58	37	Clarke T	52		9.8	
103	70	Costain	81			
87	58	Countryside	79		4.5	
86	54½	Cross Mackenzie	79		3.2	26.2
10	7½	Cussins†	8			
220	118	Ew Group	183		6.9	8.8
22	15	Galliford	21½		5.8	46.5
868	733	[illegible] (AUT)	855		2.2	15.9
61	48	Green (Emed)	48			
338	250	Hewlock Euro	337		1.3	24.8
163	130	Hewden-Stuart	150½		2.5	16.6
102	82	Higgs & Hill	92	- 1	5.4	
22	16	Howard Hldgs	21		4.8	19.1
84	[illegible]	Jarvis†	84			
188	128	Kaltrn†	169		3.1	
323	253	Laing (J)	317		3.5	
117	97	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	113½		7.0	
19	10½	Lovell (YJ)	17½			
211	191	Maunders (J)	211		3.4	13.2
197	143	McAlpine (A)†	177		4.8	
101	88	McCarthy & S	96	- 1	3.4	12.6
121	81	Morgan Sindall	117		3.4	14.8
166	128	Morrison Cons	163		3.3	16.0
66	58½	Mowlem (J)†	65			
242	173	Persimmon	236		5.0	18.7
115	85	Pochins	110		1.8	11.1
145	87	Prowting†	135			
21	14	Raine Ind	17½			
152	128	[illegible]	144		2.8	15.9
66	48	Secure Retire	55		2.3	10.4
320	265	Sherrif Hldgs©	299	+ 2	2.9	11.0
92	[illegible]	[illegible]	87		0.9	13.3
378	343	Spandex	378		0.8	23.1
158	125	Tay Homes	153		8.7	14.0
175	115	Taylor Woodrw†	155	- 2	2.3	22.4
493	408	Tilbury Dougls	488		5.8	14.2
18½	10½	Try Group	16			
100	74	Vibroplant	87	+ 1	5.8	8.6
111	65	Wainhomes	100		5.4	9.7
53	38	Ward Hldgs	44		4.3	6.6
229	170	Westbury†	215		3.5	
8	4½	Wiggins	8	+ ½		58.1
190	161	Wilson (Cn)	188		3.1	
473	354	Wilson Bowdn†	458		2.7	
155	129	Wimpey G	142	+ 1	4.8	

BUILDING MATERIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
15	6½	Albrighton	6½			
342	284	BPB Ind	326		3.6	15.1
124	97	Baggeridge Brk	110		3.6	14.5
42	31	Baxton†	38½		8.5	
85	47	Blockleys†	80			
376	312	Blue Circle†	361	- 1	4.3	19.5
101	77	Breedon PLC†	89	- 2	6.8	14.6
130	108	Br Dredging†	129		5.4	14.9
645	473	CRH	615	+ 5	1.9	16.6
48	32½	Caledonian Rly	43		6.1	
177	140	Cape	169	- 1	8.1	12.1
247	[illegible]	[illegible]	230	- 6	5.2	22.8
127	106	Caradon plc	118½	- 1	7.6	
28	19	Chelton Gp	25		8.0	
193	158	Dyson (J&J)	193		2.7	15.1
88	70	Dyson 'A'	80		6.2	6.6
278	203	Epwin	226		5.1	14.2
183½	121½	Flare	154			
96	87	Gibbs & Dandy	89		4.9	9.2
208	178	Graham Grp†	191		3.7	
408	391	Halstead (J)†	405		2.7	17.6
321	279	Hepworth†	298	- 2	6.2	15.2
80	36	Hewetson	80		5.2	12.7
251	215	Heywd Wllm	247		7.0	13.4
90	[illegible]	[illegible]	82½	-	3.0	11.6
408	335	Johnston†	383		3.6	
80	[illegible]	[illegible]	74	+ 1	8.2	9.5
155	117	Marley†	143		4.1	16.3
184	148	Marshalls	178		3.5	12.8
471	372	Meyer Int	448	- 2	3.2	17.0
149	114	Newman Tnks†	136		6.3	16.0
108	[illegible]	[illegible]	102			
29	16	[illegible]	21			21.9
223	[illegible]	Pilkington	206		3.0	16.5
203	174½	Polypipe	193	+ ½	1.7	17.9
1109	928	RMC Grp†	1070	- 3	2.7	13.8
438	360	Redland†	412	+ 1	5.1	15.7
112	84½	Rosfel	110		5.4	
153	121	Rubberoid†	149		5.1	
140	102	Rugby Group	120	- 1	3.8	21.8
131	113	Russell (A)	125		2.7	17.7
265	196	SIG	232	- 1	3.6	
4½	3	SWP	3½			
189	156	Sharpe & Fisher	189	+ 5	3.4	15.5
27	16½	Spring Ram	21½			
208	175	Streamline Hldgs	199	+ 2	4.8	
136	102	Tarmac†	121½	+ 1	5.7	19.9
147	97	Tilon	128		4.7	11.7
458	350	Travis Perkins	443		2.6	18.8
48	38	Tudor†	40		3.1	18.1
50	31	Waterhouse©	31			
489	430	Wolseley	458	- 3	2.7	15.7

CHEMICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
188	156	Albright & Wlsn	174½	- 1½	4.7	
139	125	Allied Colloids	132	- 4	2.5	20.2
210	185	Amber Ind	190		3.7	12.4
100	86	Amberley Gp	90		1.8	25.9
£188¾	£144¾	BASF DM	£179¾	+ 34¾	3.3	
948	872	BOC†	931	- 2	3.6	17.3
310	265	BTP	300		4.6	17.5
£229¾	£171½	Bayer DM50	£220¼	+ 466¼	2.9	
112	70	Brent Chems	110	- 1	2.3	
219	195	Br Vita	213	+ 4	4.7	17.2
257	192	Cantong (W)†	251		4.0	16.2
490	401	Courtaulds	415	- 5	4.7	19.0
351	311	Croda†	337	- 3	3.5	16.3
250	200	[illegible]	248	- 1	3.4	14.2
295	246	Ellis & Everard	282		3.9	15.0
94	74	Euro Colour	84		2.8	20.5
197	164	Glebon	165		4.9	11.9
93	76	Hickson	77		3.2	
£238¼	£174½	Hoechst	£218¾	+ 496½	2.6	
166	102	Holliday Chem	144		4.3	16.9
959	759	ICI	869	- 13	4.3	12.5
402	320	Inspec	352		2.1	17.0
147	111	Kalon	142	- 2	4.2	
782	609	Laporte†	732	- 3	4.0	17.4
325	275	Manders†	309		4.7	14.1
98	76	Mersteml	94½		2.4	13.0
37	28	Metrotect	29	+ 1	6.5	
430	345	Porvair	430		1.6	23.9
245	221	Scapa	232	- 1	3.4	16.5
34	26	Suncliffe Speak	33		1.9	36.9
1148½	922½	Takeda Chem	1104½	+ 2½	0.8	15.2
1133	968	Wolstnhime R	1065	- 8	2.8	16.4
296	255	Yorks Chem	289		3.7	16.8
363	305	Yule Catto†	361		2.8	17.8

DISTRIBUTORS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
121	87	ABI Leis	107	- 4	5.1	11.0
465	388	Adam & Harvey	388	- 2	6.3	5.1
18	14	Alexanders	17		2.2	
113	98	Appleyard	113		6.9	
4	3½	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	
630	506	BSS Group	629		3.9	18.1
38	25	Bandl	36			
33	16	Bearing Power	22	- ½	7.1	15.7
45	23	Bogod 'A'	45		2.0	14.9

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	BTR	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	BAT†	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cookson†	[illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hanson	[illegible]			
354	266	TI Group	354		2.3	18.1
294½	251	Tomkins	261	- 6	4.3	14.4
60½	27½	Inkulge H	50			
295	260	Unoblan	288		6.3	9.1
459	365	Wardle Storeys†	456		5.0	20.6
315	254	Wassall	310		2.3	16.2
237	193	Whitecroft	237		2.3	19.5
356	310½	Williams Hldgs	331	- 9	5.4	15.2

ELECTRICITY

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
727	574	East Midlands	601	- 8	6.2	9.4
873	843	London Elect	729	- 18	6.3	8.3
433	325	Midlands Elec	425½	- 1½	5.4	10.8
208	183½	National Grid	183½	- 1	6.5	8.2
615	475	National Power	528	- 8	5.6	9.8
418	296	Nat Power PP	394	- 8	5.6	9.9
724	580½	Northern Elec	580½	- 15½	7.4	7.3
455	393	Pwr Ireland	421	- 5	4.3	9.3
625	502	PowerGen	529	+ 1	5.1	9.1
372	286	PowerGen (P/P)	387	- 5	5.1	9.4
423	318	Hydro-Elect	328	- 5	5.8	8.8
400	340	Scottish Power	348	+ 3	5.7	10.0
910	760	Southern Elec	760½	- 19½	6.3	8.6
910	602	Yorkshire Elec	730	- 17	6.3	7.6

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
562	172	Acal	558		1.7	30.3
320	185	Adams Comp	303	+ 15		
313	163½	Admiral†	225		1.0	28.9
218½	160	Amstrad	162½	+ 1	2.1	
48	33	Arlen†	47		1.9	
147½	110	Ashley†	147½	+ 3	1.3	
629	489	Atlan	625	- 3	0.7	27.9
380	275	BICC†	341	- 2	4.6	
223	195	Bailey Hunter	209		6.2	21.7
550	445	Bick	550	+ 13	3.0	16.1
458	381	Bowthorpe†	458	+ 3	2.6	19.9
24½	16½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17	+ 6		
133	122	CML Microsys	123		6.2	12.8
42	24	Channel Hldgs	38		4.3	18.5
30½	27½	Chloride	30	- 2	1.4	39.1
85	68	Clarville	70		3.5	11.8
54	35	Cray Elect	47	- ½	4.0	
855	644	Crichley	852		1.4	29.2
849	555	Dania Bk Sys	848	+ 13	0.5	
464	375	Dellon	463	+ 4	4.6	21.8
450	403	Domino	415	- 3	3.0	30.3
73	64	Dowding Mills	70½	- 1	5.0	16.8
3500	1541	Dvnt	3490		0.3	33.8
3400	2616½	Electrolux 'B'	3325	- 82½	3.7	9.1
38	30½	[illegible]	36½		0.7	22.9
1516½	1125	Ericsson 'B'	1443¾	- 21½	1.2	26.5
84	65	Eurocopy	82		3.5	14.5
655	542	Eurotherm	635	+ 1	1.5	25.3
678	533	Farrey Group†	678	- 6	1.5	24.7
497	386	Filtronic Com	380		0.2	80.5
960	820	Forward Gp	830	- 5	1.0	35.7
100	76	Forward Tech†	78		4.5	11.2
381	341	GEC	358	- 1	4.0	16.7
137	114	Gresley†	132		6.2	22.5
132	93½	Inst Control▼	132	+ 11	3.4	27.7
38	25	Instek	35		2.9	44.4
131	97	Kode†	131		1.0	13.2
37	34	LPA Ind	34		4.1	12.5
390	280	MTL Inst©	380		2.1	17.0
180	108	Magnum Power©	128			
280	249	Memrex-Se	295			
67½	48	Microvitec	61	+ ½	3.3	18.1
472	340	Mitel	470	+ 7	1.8	19.3
70	46	Neotronics	50	- 18		
488	406	Oxford Inst	472		2.1	
145	105	Pace Systems Gr	136		1.6	18.8
131	97	Pearl†	126		3.2	
2785¾	2290¾	Philips Lmp nv	2337½	+ 9½	2.6	8.3
186	141	Plasmec©	185		3.9	
198	146	Pressac†	182	+ 3	2.5	19.0
45	33	Prestwich	42			31.0
470	236½	Psion▼	470	+ 2	0.4	
348	283	Racal Elect	333		2.0	25.7
103	78	Radamec	98		3.1	19.7
391	329	Rainford	265		0.9	14.0
507	380	Renishaw	485	+ 5	1.8	18.8
6	1½	Rodime	3½			
288	255	Roxboro	267		2.6	
426	317	Servomex	426	- 2	2.2	34.6
92	82	Silvermines†	89	- 1	1.6	21.3
43	27	Soundtracs©	31		3.7	
3905½	3003½	TDK	3771½	+ 9½	0.9	
16	6	TDS Circuits©	14½			14.5
101	94	TGI	99		3.6	11.8
165	135	TLG	157	+ 2	1.9	16.9
79	48	Tadpole Tech	64	- 3		
134	100	Telemetrix†	103		1.8	22.2
870	435	Telspec	536		1.3	
245	221	Thorpe FW	233		2.2	14.0
33	20	Total Systems	30			31.2
380	302	Tunstall	377		1.4	17.3
710	476	Unitech†	700		1.4	22.7
16½	12½	Verity	14		1.3	15.5
273	229	Vero	229		2.8	
438	353	Volex	438	+ 1	5.5	15.7
33	17½	Wakebourne	30			
172	135	Whessoe	172		3.3	41.9

ENGINEERING

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
363	277	AIM	361	+ 7	1.6	
96½	72	APV†	72	- 2	4.7	20.7
99	70	ASW†	85		6.9	
455	385	[illegible]	458	+ 3	3.2	20.1
175	124	Alvis	129	- 2	2.2	12.8
201	170	Ash & Lacy†	185		4.5	15.1
838	[illegible]	Atlas Copco†	773	- 2	3.6	20.4
140	118	Ayrshire Metal†	118		5.8	
351	284	BBA†	300	+ 5	2.3	22.3
131	101	BI Group	130		4.6	15.4
163	133	BWI†	163		5.1	14.8
145	108	Babcock	110	- 1	3.0	64.9
7½	6	Bailey (CH)	7			
144	98	Baynes (Charles)†	140½	- ½	2.2	21.0
35	21	[illegible]	34		1.5	
80	38	Benson Group	51	+ 2		
105	95	Billam	100		6.6	
564	403	Bodycote	559	+ 1	1.5	25.6
48	35½	Boom Inds	38			
23½	17	Bramley	22½		3.5	15.2
130	99	Brildon	128		4.4	27.5
907	787	Br Aerospace†	896	- 3	1.7	22.2
201	161	Br Steel	176	- 5	6.0	5.1
15½	11½	Brooke Tool	14½		2.6	13.1
38	26	Burnell	29½		2.1	11.3
173	94	Bullough	110		6.9	23.1
143	92	Burnfield	128	- 1	3.2	15.1
315	293	Cardo Eng	309		4.1	15.7
185	171	Castings	183		2.5	14.8
158	140	Chamberlin Hill	145		6.2	8.7
445	368	Chemring	430		3.2	17.7
275	195	Clyde Blowers	234		3.1	59.2
1511	471	Cobham	618		2.0	
645	635	Cohen (A)	645		1.2	6.0
194	164	Concentric	188		4.5	13.0
258	215	Cook (Wm)	255		4.0	10.5
235	190	David Brown	230		4.2	
395	355	EIS	389	- 2	4.3	
31	17	Elecot	17		1.8	9.5
107	74	Elliott (B)	87		3.9	9.2
99	81	[illegible]	98		3.8	19.8
190	153	FKI	174		3.4	16.4
173	130	Fenner	160		3.0	15.5
8	1½	Femum	5½			
66	38	Firth Hldgs	62½	+ ½		35.0
63½	57	Firth Rixson	58½		2.1	24.3
152	120	GEI Int	152		2.9	15.1
222	176½	Garton Eng	192		2.5	7.4
393	320	Glynwed†	349	+ 2	4.6	13.7
17	13½	Graystone†	14½		4.8	9.6
100	71½	Haden MacLn	99		3.1	15.6
248	181	Hadleigh	247	+ 1	2.1	16.1
263	177	Hall Eng	268		3.7	18.4
201	166	Halma	190		1.5	24.0
61	43	Hampson Ind	59		4.7	13.6
32	23	Hay (Norman)	26	- 1		25.7
51	28	Headway	42		0.9	38.2
117	35½	Hill & Smith	115		6.3	11.6
41	31	Hopkinsons	36		4.6	
52	34	How Grp	40		3.5	27.8
76	61	Howden	73		4.7	9.5
232	195	Hunting†	196	- 6	6.4	16.9
385	311	IMI	356	+ 4	4.0	21.7
650	510	Johnson Mathy	646		3.0	18.8
60	43	Jones Stroud	59			12.1
635	565	Kelsey Ind	590	- 2	5.1	10.5
298	226	Lincat	226		4.5	12.6
28	23½	Locker (T)	25		1.9	27.9
27½	34	ML Hldgs	42		3.9	13.7
36	27	MS Int	31		2.4	
314	222	Mang Bronze	302		2.3	13.2
524	399	McKechnie†	498	+ 3	4.3	14.9
106½	84	Meggitt†	93		5.5	18.9
126	100	Metalrax	126	+ 2	4.0	
98	88	Metsec	96		4.4	12.4
1037	765	Molins†	1073		2.5	
423	384	Morgan Crble†	400	- 3	4.0	17.0
290	254	Morris Ashby	289	- 1	3.0	15.0
55	45	Nestend	49	+ 2	4.1	10.4
17	12½	[illegible]	15			
480½	374	Powerscreen	477	- 4	2.2	17.7
6	4	Prospect Inds	5½		3.0	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	103	Adwest	145		6.7	41.4
295	265	Airflow Stream	295		2.4	6.9
660	475	Avon Rubber	630	1	1.6	15.2
81	57½	BSG	81	+ 2	5.1	14.4
350	274	Dowty	350		2.4	15.4
[illegible]	19	Dowding	20			
285	175	ERF	274	6	2.1	
473	431	Fed Tech	473		2.0	16.1
1097	778	GKN	999	+ 2	3.0	18.0
7600	1112½	General Mtrs	3737½	+ 75	3.8	
1559½	1311½	Honda Motor	1555¼	+ 48¼	0.6	
500	300	Laird	466		3.2	
445	425	Lex	445		0.2	
210	170	Lucas	203	2	3.8	31.2
116	91	Mayflower	113		2.2	45.0
178	145	Syltone	165	- 1	3.5	13.6
175	152	T & N	157	1	3.6	10.0
433	351	Trinity Hldgs	378		2.8	18.2

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
429	355	ABF Food	379	+ 3	2.9	13.5
284	248	Acatos & Hutch	250		4.5	20.5
53	44½	Albert Fisher†	49½		8.5	12.3
325	275	Banks (S C)	322		4.1	12.2
343	315	Barr (AG)	343		3.0	22.4
32	21	Benson Crisp	31			19.6
400	358	Booker†	388	+ 1	7.4	14.7
36	29	Borthwick	30½	+ 1	9.3	22.0
507	388	CPC Acorn	480		1.1	30.0
567	482	Cadbury Schwpt	490		4.1	16.4
93	80	Carr's Pasta	91		7.4	13.6
348	310	Carrs Milling†	328	+ 2	3.4	12.3
112	89	Cavaghan	89		3.1	11.8
91	72	Continental Fds	75		6.1	6.6
198	171	Cranswick	190		5.8	12.2
444	371	Dalgety†	371	- 1	7.4	11.2
33	21	Daniels S	31		0.4	
272	226	Devro	242	+ 1	4.0	13.9
109	78	Everest	83		4.7	9.7
88	61	Finlay (James)	83	+ 2	4.5	
20	18½	Glenfl	19½		3.8	12.9
323	278	Greencore†	312		2.5	13.2
114	99	Hazlewood Fds	101		5.8	16.7
197	166	Hillsdown†	179	+ 2	6.6	12.5
66	54	JLI Group	54		11.5	9.2
365	310	Linton Park	362	- 3	5.3	
120½	95	Matthews (B)	102	- 1	4.2	9.8
251	213	Nichols (V)	229		3.6	14.3
205	171	Nim Foods	180		6.1	
13½	10½	Normans Fn	11½			
115	106	Pascoe's	113			8.6
11	8	Pengkalen (UK)	9			
88	69	Perkins Food†	80½		7.0	13.3
67	52	Plant & Gen	58		6.2	
81	70	SeaPerfect	71			
315	144	Somly Farm†	303	+ 3	2.1	
37	31	Sims Foods	33		11.4	11.0
498	452	Tate & Lyle†	463	+ 4	4.4	9.8
394	312	Tesco	374	- 1	1.9	15.6
482	395½	Unigate	415	- 3	6.6	14.2
1377	1172½	Unilever†	1228	- 10	3.0	
9650	8575	Unilever (NV)	8871½	- 53½	2.7	
274	224	Utd Biscuits†	229		5.4	
34	29	WT Foods	33	1	10.8	18.8
82	72	Wescon Food	80		8.1	

HEALTHCARE

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1071	818	Amersham	1018	- 5	2.1	21.8
65	47	Anagen	60			
165	120	Assoc Nursg	121	- 2	2.7	10.9
440	315	Bespak	406	- 5	3.1	28.1
540½	385	Biocompatibles Intl	485	- 3		
97	74	Care UK	95		1.0	13.9
131	102	Celsis	125	- 1		
293	243	Community H	292	- 1	3.9	14.5
31	24½	CrestaCare	30		3.2	
30	17	Enrvrmed	22	- 1		
118	68	Fenners Group	108		7.1	14.5
125	111	Goldsborough	123		4.0	10.3
11	6½	Greenacres©	11½			
948	773	Huntgn Tec©	920		1.1	
78	57	Intercare Gp	70	- 2	6.2	14.8
309	238	[illegible]	308		2.2	16.3
120½	89	Life Sciences	106		5.2	13.4
145	109	Lon Intl	146	- 2	1.3	
105	78	Nestor-BNA†	98		4.0	16.9
14	12	Premier Health	13			0.8
385	277	Quality Care	385		2.0	11.1
250	194	Scholl	248		3.5	18.6
513	395	Seton Health	507	- 1	2.0	
173	108	Shield Diag	162	+ 5		
210½	178	Smith & Nephew†	207½	+ ½	3.4	21.3
27	17	Speciality	23		4.7	0.6
180	133	[illegible]	142	- 1	2.3	
3	1	Tanaris	2½		1.0	20.8
269	232½	UniChem†	253	- 1	4.0	13.1
335	300	West Hithcare	319	- 3½	2.2	14.8

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
248	192	Airsprung	248		2.7	14.8
300	264	Alba	300		2.3	19.4
48½	42	Armour	47		5.4	10.9
125	86	BLP Group†	119		3.5	
57	40	[illegible]	51			20.2
50	37	Black Arrow	46		8.4	8.0
285	258	Black (Peter)	268	- 3	3.3	17.9
136	91	Crowll Pkr 'A'	138		0.6	
125	85	Creighton Nt	90		10.7	6.5
188	97	Dalkeith	98		1.1	5.4
227	176	Derby Group	224		1.9	23.5
111	87	Eclipse Blinds▼	110	+ 2	1.1	
20	14	Elbeil	20			
150	130	Gaskell	150		3.8	
495	433	IWP Intl	470		2.4	13.9
35	26	Jourdan (T)	35		4.6	29.7
278	229	Kenwood App	229	- 1	5.5	10.3
10	10	Lonhorn	10			
185	121	McBride	133	+ 1	8.3	13.4
297	236	Mayborn†	286	- 1	2.3	15.3
530	365	Osborne & Little	530	+ 40	2.5	13.8
465	441	Paterson Zch	463		4.1	14.4
398	370	Paterson Zch 'A'	395		4.8	11.5
358	184	Pifco	235		2.7	14.7
248	174	Pifco 'A' Vtg	225		2.9	14.0
730	617	[illegible]	693	- 3	3.6	13.3
321	272	Relyon	327		2.9	19.3
306	247	Royal Doulton†	294	- 1	3.8	14.4
213	175	Silentnight†	208		4.8	
35	16	Stoddard	25		6.1	37.5
305	252	Stoves	296		2.7	19.7
235	185	Tomkinsons	227	- 1	6.4	18.2
84	75	Victoria Carpet	80			
101	80	Walker Greenbk	101	+ ½	4.7	17.8
79	59½	Waterd Wdgwd†	78		2.0	
198	175	Wood (Arthur)	195		4.2	12.0

INSURANCE

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1350	1175	Alex & Alex	1350	+ 12½	0.5	
2487½	2162½	Am Genl	2337½	+ 68½	3.7	
118	87	Angerstein	116½		3.6	60.0
74	51	[illegible]	73		1.7	67.8
78	64	Bradstock	72		9.9	12.1
821	740	Britannic†	771	- 1	2.5	30.6
120	80	[illegible]	119		2.8	65.8
639	555	[illegible]	636	- 3	5.6	8.6
138	111	Cox Insce	138			
1775	1545	Dom & Gen	1775		2.5	17.1
206½	160	[illegible]	206½		4.3	
159	105	Fenchurch Grp	132	7	8.0	9.1
123	105	Fnsbury Under	123		1.7	62.2
698	612	Gen Accident†	688	- 6	5.6	10.9
[illegible]	269	[illegible]	275	- 2	4.1	3.6
114	89	HCG Lloyds	112½		3.5	37.3
104	74	Heath C E	104		16.8	6.5
288½	237½	[illegible]	288¼	+ 10½	4.0	
129	100	[illegible]	129		2.3	53.3
507	373	Independent†	493	+ 1	2.9	9.8
271	246	Irish Life†	263		5.5	22.7
118	97	JIB Group	116		7.9	24.3
108	97	Kiln Capital†	108	- 1	4.6	
740	661	Legal & Genl	724	- 5	4.2	18.2
2450	1706½	Liberty Life	1816½	18½	7.7	5.4
184	163	Lloyd Thomp	181		6.4	10.6
549	444	Lloyds Abbey	540		5.0	13.6
433	370	London & Man†	401	- 1	5.8	12.4
128	100	London Ins Mkt	127½	- ½	2.8	38.0
153	131	Lowndes Lmb	140		7.1	8.3
6593¾	5487½	March McLn	6187½	+ 18½	3.4	
115	98	Mosthead	112½		3.6	33.1
205	146	Nelson Hurst	205		4.8	14.0
105	82	New London Cap	103½		4.4	37.8
77	54	Ockham†	70		5.4	
192	105	Orel	144		4.7	
97	81½	Premium Trust	97	+ 1	4.5	23.1
142	121	Premium Under	142	+ 1		
464	415	Prudential†	429	- ½	4.6	10.6
27	20	PWS	27	+ 1	1.6	12.5
540	430	Refuge	532	+ 1	3.1	33.8
458	338	Royal	440	- 6	4.5	7.3
151	114	Sedgwick	151	+ 2	6.0	12.9
48	33	Steel Burrill	46		12.2	5.3
434	349	Sun Alliance†	420	- 6	5.1	8.0
112	92	Syndicate Cap	112		3.1	32.2
846	705	Utd Friendly†	798	- 5	3.9	7.3
168	141	Willis Corroon	161	+ 5	5.2	14.4
24	15	Windsor	24	+ 3	2.6	23.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
471½	406	3i	470		2.0	46.4
92½	71½	Abtrust Emerg	90½	+ ½	0.6	
76½	66	Abtrust High Inc†	70		11.4	10.7
245	212	Abtrust N Dawn	242		0.6	
2235	2023	Alliance	2232	- 5	3.0	38.6
325	283	American Trust	323		2.2	54.7
519	485	Anglo & O'seas	507	+ 1	1.9	55.9
96	78	Aust Opps	95		0.3	
144	122½	Baillie Gillord SN	143			
238	209½	Bankers†	232		2.3	46.6
64½	37½	Barng Em Eu	64	- ½		
386	364	Barng Tribne	385	- 1	2.3	51.1
99	91½	Br Assets	98½	- ½	6.0	20.2
112	94	Br Empire Sec	112	- 1	1.1	
238	221	Br Inv	233		2.8	38.0
77½	67	Brazilian	76	+ ½		
391	359	Brunner	382		2.6	41.9
132	119	BZW Conv	123		7.9	15.4
320	306	Candover	320			
175	156	Cap Gearing	175			
1325	1175	Cardinal	1320			
120	100	City Merchants	116			
148	132	Cly Lon Inv	140			
105	90	City Nat R	101½			
128	110	Delphi	125			
193	184	Derby Inc	188			
700	558	Dunedin Inc	598			
281	238	Dunedin Smir	279			
316	293	Drayton Cons	309			
296	248	Drayton Eng	279			
[illegible]	109	Ederson Inc	[illegible]			
295	210	Gartmore	289			
79	68	Gartmore Am	73			
131	110	Gartmore Euro	131			
65	62	Govern Hnt	64			
155	62	Guinness	147			
93	67	Greenfriar	93			
62	49	Hambros Sm	60			
73	56	Hgh Inc Sec	68			
42	20	HCI	33			
211	203	Invesco Eng	203			
175	165	Invesco Inc	170			
99	91	Ldn & Glasgow	95			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Murray Eng	[illegible]			

INVESTMENT TRUSTS (continued)

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
295	210	Quadrant	295	7	3.6	11.1
19	13	Dunbar Grp	16		2.0	44.7
65	62	Hallard Mitsl	62			
66	53	Pamvale	62			18.6
82	51	Hecom	81		5.8	14.6
102	73	Trincad	90½		2.5	16.9
9	71	Fulcrum Group	71		12.3	6.7
45	78	Michmd (Nr)	78		5.0	
156	187	Rolls-Royce†	222	+ 3	2.8	21.1
246	1.1	Hreek	250	- 3	2.6	21.9
197	166	Pibron	189		3.1	16.0
1506½	1192½	AIB	1464½	12½	3.5	8.2
116	97	Smert Engl	103	1	4.4	19.4
165	156	Smith Rn	142	- 10	1.5	29.1
317	290	Siebe	303		1.8	14.1
94	70	Canon Eng	75		1.1	16.8
96	80	Car Hundred	78	2	1.0	19.4
711	677	Smiths Ind†	712		1.6	21.1
733	103	Spirax Sarco	733		2.6	21.2
334	187	Sterling Ind	326		5.0	15.7
555	466	TH	535	- 1	2.9	20.7
99	72	Tinsley (Eli)	97		3.0	13.5
121	78	Tracker	120		2.3	29.6
180	140	Triplex Lloyd	170	1	3.1	12.6
155	112	Umeco Ind	151		4.9	15.1
16½	14	Utd Indst	15½		3.6	
16	10½	Vernon	16			
302	247	Vickers	251		3.2	17.0
14	11	Vibes Ind	11			
170	70½	Vitect	70	2	1.8	14.1
982	815	Vosper Thorny	875	1	3.6	
460	24	Watson Ind	411		5.8	21.8
406	212	Weir	350		3.0	15.0
279	229	Wellington Hldg	248		3.5	
55	42	Wolfson	54		3.4	11.5
435	301	Whatman	417		3.4	19.4
125	81	Wolseley	95		6.7	8.7

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
573	475	Cardova	514	+ 1	3.1	30.9
66½	39	Central Euro Gwth	66		0.9	
219	177	Coutt Acort	218	+ 1	1.2	
75	67	Dana Inv Inc	67		14.9	7.8
390	325	Derby Cap	366			
160	141	Derby Inc	142		17.0	7.3
744	683	Dunedin Inc G	703		4.8	24.8
98	84	Dunedin Japan	94			
377	314	Dunedin Smlr	372	- 1	3.0	47.5
34	16	Dunedin Wts	33½			
895	791	Dunedin Wwide	879	+ 1	1.4	76.7
115	102½	Edin Dragon	107½	- ½		
30½	25	Edinburgh Inca	28	+ ½		
348	320	Edinburgh	338	+ 1	3.8	
17½	152	EFM Japan	167½			
408	362	Electra Inv	407½	+ 3½	2.3	65.1
254	222	Electric Gen	253	- 1	1.7	67.2
156	133	English Scot	152	+ 1		
403	332	European Asset	403½	+ ½	1.6	
219	193	Fidelity Euro Val	217	+ 4	0.3	
85½	71½	Fidity Jap Val	84		0.1	
178	102	Fidity Spec Val	178		0.5	
187	171½	Finsbury A	187	+ 2	3.2	60.2
200½	185	Fire An Chief	189	+ ½	1.7	52.0
43½	27½	Fire An Wts	31½			
335	279	Fleming Amer	326	+ 1½	1.0	
129	109	Fleming Cap	111			
69	54	Fleming Chinese	69½		1.0	70.9
44	35	Fleming Ch Wts	39½	+ ½		
277	250	Fleming Claver†	274		2.8	34.7
400	343	Fleming Contl	375	- 4	1.3	
160	142	Fleming Fm Mkt	148			
273	244½	Fleming Eng	272		2.4	50.7
388	350	Fleming F East	370	+ 1	0.4	
463	395	Fleming Fledg	453		0.9	
107	96	Fleming Hi Inc	106		5.5	
107	100½	Fleming Income	104		11.6	10.8
71½	51½	Fleming Indian	63½	- ½		
41	29	Fleming In Wts	34½			
43	39	Fleming Intl	41½		11.3	11.4
290	249	Fleming Japan	283	+ 1		
345½	286	Fleming Merc	332	+ 1	2.9	
123	95	Fleming Ltd Hm	119½		0.3	
366	330	Fleming Prop	352½	+ 1	1.6	67.1
139	128	Fleming Smlr Co	139	+ 1	3.9	29.9
40	28	Fleming Smlr Wt	39	- 1		
177	152	[illegible]	160	- 1	1.6	
113	[illegible]	F&C Ger Gwth	99	- 1	4.3	
116	104	F&C Emg Mkt	111½	+ 1		
105	85	F&C Enterprise	101		1.6	62.3
305	257	F&C Eurotst	300	+ 2	0.5	
141	125	F&L German	133½	+ ½	0.6	
207	187½	F&C Pacific†	199	+ ½	1.2	69.3
147	134	F&C PEP	147		3.3	34.3
197½	172	F&C Smaller	197½	+ ½	1.4	
147	127	F&C US Smlr	145½	- 1		
18	14	Fulcrum Cap	14½			
34	30	Fulcrum Inc	32			3.4
169	161	Fulcrum Zero	168½			
222	209	Gartmore Brit†	220		4.1	
213	209	Gartmore Ent	211		2.4	45.5
196	172	Gartmore Euro	196	+ 1	0.8	
90	76	Gartmore Shrd	84		14.3	8.5
304	243	G'more Smlr Cost	304	+ 1	2.4	53.0
88	75	Gcated Inc Invt	78		13.7	
183	151	Genl Cons Cap	175			
107	100	Genl Inc	106		11.3	10.6
107½	98½	German Inv	99½		0.3	
256	214	Gov Asn Sm Cos	246		0.3	
121	104	Gov Emg Mkts	116	+ 1½	0.3	
237	177	Govett Am Smlr	237	+ 3		
99	84	Gov Glob Smlr	98½	+ 1		
78	68	Govett High Inc	76	+ 1	9.2	12.8
436	379	Govett Oriental	430	+ 6	1.4	
341	287	Govett Strategic†	338½	+ 1	2.5	44.1
503	437	Greenfriar	497	- 1	1.8	59.4
6	[illegible]	[illegible]	6			
100	93½	GT Inc Growth	98			
250	229	GT Japan	234½		8.7	
94	90	Gwn Fl Ex Inc	90		13.3	
40½	35	Henderson Am Co	39½			
105	102	Henderson Am Inc	105	+ 1	9.4	
13	9½	Henderson Am Wt	13			
125	114	Henh Hghy	115		6.4	17.8
493	[illegible]	[illegible]	492	+ 1	0.4	
154	127	Herald	153		0.5	
106	[illegible]	[illegible] C	103			
87	73	High Income T	87		9.2	12.0
156	127	H Govett Smlr	156	+ 2	1.8	71.4
110½	93½	HTR Jap Smaller	110½	+ ½		
16	9	IES Ent	15			
147	114	IES Uk Sml	147	+ 1	2.5	
148	129	Inv Cap Tst	135½		4.9	24.0
134	101	Inl Biotech	134		0.9	
46	33	Inl Wts	45			
107	98	Inl C	107			
114	90	INVESCO Asia	106			
65	51	INVESCO Eur	64			
178	135	INVESCO Eng Inc	178	+ 1	17.8	
137	122	INVESCO Korea	133	- 1	0.7	
62½	52½	INVESCO Tokyo	59½			
95½	69	J Fry 2nd U	85		10.3	10.4
79	68	J Fry Euro U	76½		7.2	14.0
260	224	JF Fledg Jap	257	+ ½		

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
88	74	Jupiter Er Inc	83	+ 1	11.7	9.1
7	4	Jupiter Er IncWt	6½			
83	70	Jupiter Grd Cap	78		12.5	10.0
29	24½	Jupiter Grd Pfd	28½			
128	108	Jupiter Intl Gm	118		3.9	
282	252	Klnwt Chrt	280	+ 1	2.5	49.4
130	114	Klnwt E Mkt	127½			
150	133	Klnwt End	147	+ ½		
93	80	Klnwt Euro Prvt	92½	+ ½	3.0	41.0
27½	19½	Klnwt Euro Wts	27	+ ½		
86½	74	Klnwt H Inc	86		12.5	9.3
298	274	Klnwt O'seas	289	+ ½	1.5	77.0
171	136	Klnwt Smlr	171	+ 1	2.4	50.6
611	524	Korea Euro	578	- 17		
118½	96½	Latin American	110	+ 1½		
1026	920	Law Debenture	1026	+ 8	2.7	38.5
117	89	Lloyds Sm Cap	116½			
27	25	Lloyds Sm Div	26		18.5	
142	126	Lloyds Sm Pkg	131		3.4	
174	162	Lon St Lawrence†	168		4.7	27.7
353	334	Lowland†	345		3.8	30.6
1100	975	Lydenburg	1100		1.8	45.9
648	608	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	633	+ 1		
111	95	M&G 2nd Dual In	100			4.2
3140	2903	M&G Dual Cap	3140	+ 10		
235	173	M&G Dual Inc	195			2.4
66	55½	M&G Inc Geared	57½		11.5	
38	27½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	29½			
38	27½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	38		23.7	
130	122	M&G Inc Package	124		5.3	
67½	65½	M&G Inc Zero Div	67	+ ½		
25	21	M&G Rec Cap	22	+ ½		
48	44½	M&G Rec Geared	46		11.0	
26	23	M&G Rec Inc	24½		20.7	
140	133	M&G Rec Pkge	137		3.7	
93	88½	M&G Rec Zero Div	92½			
144	134	M Curie Euro	143		0.3	
112	99	M Curie Japan	106			
167	143	M Curie Pac	162		0.7	
242	222	[illegible]	240		3.3	36.5
46	40	[illegible]	44			
290	271	Merchants†	276		5.6	
100½	91	Mercury Euro Pv	100½	+ ½	1.7	68.9
30½	22½	Mercury Eur Wt	30½			
109½	92	Mercury World	108½		1.2	
31	16½	Mercury Wld Wts	26			
615	571	Monks Inv Tst	602		1.9	55.8
170½	151	Morg Gren Inc	163		3.9	27.2

LEISURE & HOTELS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
526½	381	Airtours	521	+ 3	3.4	15.0
49	42	Ald Lss	46	+ 1		17.5
55	43	Arcadian	49		3.6	76.2
164	125	BS Group	160		3.6	
173	138	Baldwin	137		4.4	8.9
237	217	Barr & Wall	237	+ 2	5.8	
363	284	Bluebird Toys†	241	- 1½	4.7	9.3
758	478	Boosey Hwks†	755		1.2	36.1
7½	1½	Brent Walker	3½	+ 1		
39	31	Burndene	38		6.3	15.4
230	195	Capital Corpn	216		4.7	
55	35	Centrefield	48		5.0	
8½	5½	[illegible]	6½			12.0
251	203	Eurocamp	237	+ 3	5.8	10.6
208	139	Euro Disney	180	- 1		
180	148	Euro Leisure	155			4.3
19	13½	Farringford	18	- ½		
81	70	First Choice	78½	+ 4½	7.1	
400	347	First Leisure	378		2.8	22.0
190	142	Friendly Hotels	182		1.8	
844	619	Granada	824	+ 2	1.8	20.0
40	35	Hi-Tec Sports	39		4.1	
198	148	Hornby©	198			
553	423	Hollidot	535	- 16	2.1	20.8
261½	201	Jurys Hotel	259		3.1	16.5
31½	23½	Kunick	30½		2.7	35.6
207	143	Ladbroke†	189	- ½	4.0	29.4
567	425	London Clubs	516	+ 4	3.4	18.4
385	188	Man Utd	333		1.8	10.8
98½	77½	Maudern Grnl	82½		3.9	19.8
133	89	Northern†	133	+ 3	3.8	15.1
181	114	Prism Leisure	180		4.5	9.7
34½	26	[illegible]	31			
32	11½	Queens Moat	23	- ½		
547	442	Rank Org	524	+ 4	3.8	16.8
47	31	Ryan Hotels	43½		4.4	
1380	930	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1365		1.3	54.5
215	175	Sinclair (Wm)	209	- 1	4.6	13.4
175	80	Stakis	112		2.0	23.6
478	335	Stanley Leisure	472		1.6	24.5
20½	13	Tandem	13½		4.6	2.7
348	346	Tamong	348		1.5	
374	329	Tottenham Hots	374	+ 4	1.5	6.8
113	86	Toy Options	108		3.0	15.2
345	257	VCI	333		2.7	19.2
138	108	Vardon	125½	+ 5½	1.6	16.8
376	306	Wembley	370			
130	110	Zetters Gp	124	+ 1	10.1	10.5

MEDIA

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
605	455	Abbott Mead▼	603		1.9	30.7
305	250	Adscene	253		4.2	13.1
56½	37½	Aegis Gp	53½			
4	3½	Allied Radio	3½			
18	14	BBB Design©	17			
383	273	[illegible]	383		3.0	37.6
9	5½	Birkdale	7½	+ ½		
340	325	Black (A&C)	340		5.3	12.9
344	238	Blenheim Grp	313	- 5	4.2	15.1
318	248	Border TV	290	+ 1	1.9	24.0
400	355	Bristol	400	+ 2	4.1	20.6
484½	376	BSkyB	457	+ 8	1.4	41.9
188	133	CIA Grp	173		1.0	
20	16½	Caledonian Med	16			
733	533	Capital Radio†	733	+ 12	1.9	
487	375½	Carlton Comm	465		2.5	18.7
485	363	Chrysalis	485		0.7	
90	75	City of Lon©	90		6.9	11.4
138	90	Conrad	124			
1731½	1300	Daily Mail	1687½	- 9½	1.3	41.3
1688½	1188½	Daily Mail 'A'	1631½		1.4	

MINING

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
5175	3600	Ang Am Coal	4712½		2.2	
4703½	3937½	Ang Am	4262½	- 37½	1.7	38.6
7387½	5137½	Ang Am Gold	6518¾	- 71½	2.6	
27½	13½	Anglo Pac Res	20			
37	23	Arcon Intl	32			
1807½	1264½	Avmin	1482½		1.2	19.4
121	84	Ashton	111		5.2	
596	275	Bakyrchik	539	+ 6		
695	532	Billiton	602½	- ½	3.2	31.4
33	28½	Bicknis	33		2.9	40.1
148½	100½	Blyvoors	130½	- 8½		
35	29	Bougainville	33			
21½	5½	Bracken	18½			4.1
2½	1½	Bute	1½			10.6
1131	812	CRA	1065	- 26	3.0	22.6
276	93	Central Pacific	278	+ 13		
181	115	Cons Murchison	127	- 5	4.2	4.0
2268½	1937½	De Beers	2118¼	- 50	2.4	24.1
94½	51½	Deelkraal	74½		1.0	
1106½	800½	Driefontein	905½	- 17½	2.8	36.2
719½	546	Durban	714½			
191	153½	E Rand Gold†	173	- 8½	11.5	
77½	31½	E Rand Prop	41½			
74	62	Eastern Trans	62		1.6	69.5
471½	317½	Elandsrand	470½		1.9	51.4
380	273	Eng China Clt	276	- 2	7.6	13.0
769	469½	FS Const	732½	- 33½	1.3	
58	30	FS Dev	41		2.6	
2543½	1950	GFSA	2193½	- 31½	1.5	34.4
93	80	GM Kalgoorli	71	- 1	3.0	
282½	232½	Gencor	282½	- ½	1.2	25.2
170	130	Gold Fields Prop▼	140		6.5	10.2
17	12½	Greenwich R 'A'	13			
284	140	Greenvale	169½	- 38½	3.2	35.2
135½	103	[illegible]	[illegible]	-	0.7	35.9
887½	568½	Harmony	764½	- 4	0.8	
260	187½	Hartles	249½	- 6½	6.2	21.3
1500	959½	Impala Plat	1140½	- 8½	2.1	21.9
118	88	Kidston	108		11.2	3.3
896½	610½	Kinross	862½	- 19½	1.1	46.1
879½	603½	Kloof	702½	- 29½	2.9	34.8
93½	65	Leslie	72½	- 3½	4.2	15.9
365½	185½	Lydenburg	311½	- 16½		
48	15	Marievale	36			
120	79	MIM	80	- 3	2.9	
2025	1575	Minorco	1675		2.5	
105	82	Monarch	99	- 1		
180	145	Montagu	150		3.1	36.0
78	58	MSM	94		12.7	4.8
211	173	Mt Isa Hld	191	- 5	3.0	25.5
363	213	Peaking Tin	283	- 20	0.3	
155	105	Placer Pac	108	- 3	3.0	
625	521	RTZ	623		3.2	8.2
1080	867	RTZ	1009	- 15	3.3	14.6
82	47	Redwood▼	49½	+ ½	7.6	
135	103	Rand Mines	115		10.9	9.2
642	421½	Randfontein	454½	- 17	5.2	27.4
360	295	Renison	332	- 5	1.6	12.7
1478½	1053½	Rustenburg	1231½	- 12½	2.8	25.8
48	38	St Barbara	42		3.7	9.8
497½	361½	St Helena	404½	- ½	4.5	18.4
500	350	Sons Gwalia	463	- 4	2.7	28.4
109	85	Sthern Pacific	103	+ 1		
3040½	1721½	Southvaal	2825	- 53½	2.5	40.3
97	59½	Stillwater	82½		5.5	22.6
308½	168½	Unisel	272½	- 5	3.1	27.0
7409½	4090½	Vaal Reefs	6587½	- 159½	2.5	39.2
17	14½	Wankie Col Z	17		7.3	4.0
1	1	Water Hall	1			
345	320	Watts Blake†	345		3.5	17.2
3468½	2112½	Western Deep	3031½	- 43½	1.6	66.2
519½	384	Western Aing	481½	- 10½	2.2	27.0
737½	450	Winkels	612½	- 10½	2.5	30.8
40	30	Zambia Copper	37½			
48	30	Zandpan	44		4.5	

OIL & GAS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
78	51	Abbot Group	68		1.6	
5	2½	Alliance Res	3			
47½	38	Aus Oil & Gas	43	- 1½		
48	23	Aviva Pet	34	+ 1		
606	319½	Br Borneo	606	+ 25	1.5	28.4
207½	174½	British Gas	179½		10.1	9.0
603	512½	Br Petroleum†	579½	+ 8	3.6	17.1
3½	1½	[illegible]	2½			
1104	933	Burmah Castrl†	1049	- 1	4.0	15.7
256	116	Cairn Energy	236	- 4		
282	232	Calor Gp	280		6.0	17.1
70	56	Clyde Pet	63		2.3	30.6
17½	9	Copias Res	17½			
1½	1½	Dragon Oil#	1½			
23	20½	Edin Oil & Gs	20		1.4	16.0
473	353	Enterprise†	473	+ 12	4.2	25.8
8½	6½	Fortune	7	- ½		
21	11½	Gt Western Res	18			
281	188	Hardy O & G	236		0.5	
5½	4½	Intl Tool & Sup	4½			
191	138	JKX Oil & Gas	186			
198	183	LASMO	183	+ 6½	0.7	
41	38	Lasmo Units	41		21.5	
70	57½	Monument	68½	- ½		36.1
3112½	2687½	Norsk Hydro	2925	+ 6½	2.1	8.8
27	17	Oceanics	19½			
67	53	Oil Search	66			
45	27½	Petroz	45	+ 2½		
33	28½	Premier	30½	+ ½	2.0	11.8
11	11	Presidio#	11			
56	42	Pillercrieff Rs	53		1.2	
638	379	Ramco Egy©	637		0.2	
500	398	Rango	475		4.5	7.7
1101½	874½	Royal Dtch Ft	9871½	- 58½	3.7	19.4
5918½	4293½	Schlumberger	5581½	- 6½	1.8	
31	23	Scot Pickerd©	27		4.2	18.5
98	75½	Seafield	87			
1001	822	Shell Trnsp	937	+ 10½	4.4	19.8
4581½	4109½	Total	4434½	- 25	3.4	16.2
401	330	Woodside	393	- 2	1.1	
28	15	XCL	18			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115	105½	Aberdeen Tst	105½		3.3	20.6
118	77	BWD	112		5.6	13.5
40	34½	Barry Bch Mkt	36		2.8	
338	257	[illegible]	338	+ 8		
203	151	Brewin Dolphin	202		4.3	14.2
805	700	Caledonia	804		2.7	24.9
2300	1700	Camellia	2050		2.2	18.9
276	213	Cattest	276	+ 2	3.1	19.9
41	18	Christie	32	- 3		
147	90	EFT Group	138		1.9	16.4
725	658	EFM	719		4.3	17.6
118	91	Exeter	105		10.1	12.7
274	240	Gartmore	250		0.9	21.1

PROPERTY

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
74	57	Allied Lont	71		7.0	7.9
353	313	Argent	344		1.2	18.1
78	66	Artesian Est	75		2.2	18.1
148	116	Asda	147			
50	37	Ashdown Orp	45			
236	208	Bellway	226		5.7	15.8
178	148	Birdy	177		5.4	12.1
19	17	Bolton Gp	19			
47	32	Bourne End	47		3.2	39.8
240	207	Bradford	235	+ 3	4.0	21.8
129	97	Brightstone	129	+ 1	3.6	
420	378	Br Land	419	- 2	2.5	40.3
194	138	Brixton†	179		8.1	16.3
138	105	Burford	137	- 1	1.8	45.4
107	82	C&S Hldgs†	100		6.1	13.7
190	148	Cap & Regnl▼	189		1.7	
289	216	Cap Shop Ctrs	286	- 1	3.3	28.2
160	145	Cardiff Prop	157		2.2	22.2
23½	17	Carlisle	23½	+ ½	1.3	25.0
14½	8	Causey Inv	11			
276	175	Chelsfield	249	- 5	1.4	38.2
473	400	Chesterfield	461		3.7	
102	66	Chesterton Int	102	+ 1	3.7	15.1
40	30½	City Site Ests	35			
8½	6	Clarke Nickolls	7½			
136	109	Compco	134		4.5	10.5
285	196	Con Profit	248		3.1	17.0
1200	1125	Daejan	1185		3.9	27.3
3½	2	Danis Estates	3½		3.8	11.4
53	35	Dennison Tosm	50			
158	135	Dencora	156		6.6	9.0
378	307	Derwent Hldgs†	375	- 3	3.4	11.8
193	167	Development Sec	193	- 5	1.8	32.9
47	38	Dew	42		1.6	
103	85	Edge Properties	95		3.4	14.0
400	340	Estates Agency	380		5.6	33.6
66	50	Estates Gen	61			
124	104	Evans Of Leeds	117		3.0	17.5
15	10½	Ex Lands Prop	11		5.7	
57	55	Fiscal Prop	55		4.7	26.1
28½	26	Five Oaks	26½		3.5	12.8
23	19	Fletcher King	23		5.4	
69	59	Folkes Group†	65		3.2	
66	53	Folkes Group nv†	63		3.3	
518	463	Frogmore	511	+ 1	4.4	24.1
327	240	Grainger	309		2.9	19.8
186	161	Gt Portland	175		6.2	13.8
162	140	Greycoat	152	- 1	0.7	
80	36	Hambro Cntyw	66			
400	330½	Hammerson†	386	- 4	3.5	26.1
386	314	Helical Bar	386		2.3	
29	23½	Hemingway	29	- ½	3.2	16.4
40	30½	High-Point	40			
145½	118	HK Land	142½	- ½	5.3	15.7
170	160	Jermyn	165		1.9	
3	0½	Kendell	8½			
98	88	Lambert Smith	90	- 1		
679	558	Land Sec	643	- 8	4.9	18.8
285	208	London Indl	280		4.9	13.6
37	28½	Lon & Assoct	36		2.5	10.3
9	3	Lon & Metro	4			
93	88	Lon Merch Sec	90		6.2	20.0
435	389½	MEPC	436	- 2	5.8	35.7
6	5½	Mcinerney A	5½			
130	122	McKay Secs	127	+ 4	5.1	18.2
75	60	McInerney Mill	70		7.1	7.3
33	26	Moorfield Est	32		2.9	41.6
1081½	960½	Mountview	1000		3.4	8.4
150	135	Muckow (A&J)	143	- 1	5.7	19.3
43	34	OEIA	35			4.8
83	64	Olis	68	+ 2		
33	22	Olives Prop	30		1.7	
156	126	PSIT	151		4.7	18.9
429	308	Peel	427	- 2	1.7	
181	143	Pillar Prop	174		3.2	30.2
2	2	Power Corp#	2			
5	3	Prowtn Lont	4			
27½	22	Raglan	25½		5.0	7.9
35½	30½	Regalian	35½			
173	123	Rowlinson Secs	173		1.7	13.5
98	84	Rugby Est	97		2.8	24.4
61	58	St Modwen Prp	60		4.4	9.9
83	53	Saville Grdn (J)	80		6.8	13.3
76	50	Savills	71	- 1	4.4	12.1
78	70	Scot Met	76		4.3	13.0
144	124	Shaftesbury	143		1.5	18.9
240	192½	Slough Estates	222	- 2	4.8	
215	203	Smart (J)	214	+ 1	5.3	10.2
51	34	Southend Prop	42		7.6	
116	96	Specty Shops	116	+ 1	2.6	
74½	53	TBI	74½		0.3	28.2
136	122	Tops Ests	135		2.2	34.8
98	87	Town Centre	98		4.3	14.9
113	97	Trafford Park	112		3.7	11.5
118	84	UK Land	118	+ 7	7.1	13.2
61	42	WSP Group	61		5.4	
205	180	Warner	202		7.3	18.1
205	195	Warnford	198		4.8	16.5
79	66	Wates	77½			
35	28	Whitney Mck©	29			
70	41	Wood John D©	60		4.2	18.6

PHARMACEUTICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3550	1660	Brit Biotech	3315	- 285		
775	546	Cantab Pharma	675			
693	431	Celltech	678	- 3		
568	278	Chiroscience	505	- 16		
447	156	Cortecs	364	- 12		
959	767	Glaxo Wellcome	871½	- 20½	4.3	17.7
298	205	Medeva	247	- 3	2.0	14.6
245	195	Peptide Thera	245	- 2		
906	504	Scotia	755	- 15		
228	150	Shire Pharms	221	+ 20		
96	75	ShyePharma	92	- 3		
735½	658½	SmithKline†	664		2.7	16.4
1418	1216	Zeneca	1391	- 1	2.8	22.6

PRINTING & PAPER

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	130	AG Holdings†	147	- 1	4.9	12.3
280	242	API	278		1.8	24.8
143	31	Arp Holo	131	+ 1		
212	164	Arjo Wiggins†	134		5.1	37.1
255	239	Aspen Comm	249		3.0	14.9
597	365	Bemrose	581	- 6	4.2	
157	128	Bugdens†	157		1.2	27.0
725	579½	Bowater Inc	648½	- 28½		
561	419	Bowater Ind†	547		1.2	24.0
761	645	Br Polythene†	759		2.1	16.0
33	16	Br Thornton	32	- 1	0.8	54.3
163	150	Bretton Grpl	163	- 1	2.3	14.8
245	191	Bundl	241		3.0	15.7
157	173	Capital Inds†	155		3.2	12.9
297	284	Creeper (Jmes)	287		1.6	19.1
761	651	De La Rue	749	+ 1	3.9	15.8
90	84	Delyn Group	87		2.6	12.7
172	131	Dolphin Pack	170		3.8	
96½	56	Fairway Group	93		5.2	15.9
255	190	Ferguson Intl	232	+ 1	7.4	
273	231	Falcon†	243		1.5	17.1
171	135	Inveresk	135		5.4	12.1
310	272½	Jarvis Porter	272½	- 16½	3.1	
670	459	Low & Bonar	544		3.0	15.1
105	66	MY Holdings	96		2.7	18.7
269	215	Macfarlane†	269		1.9	
134	120	Mobo Gp	128		8.1	9.8
391	324	Portsmouth	370	- 6	2.1	25.0
201	162	Plysu	191	- 2	4.8	20.5
39	32	Porter Chadburn	39			15.4
419	353	REXAM†	365	+ 1	4.9	14.7
496	436	St Ives Grp	483	- 3	2.3	17.8
1047½	851½	Sappi	702	- 17½	0.7	
6	4	[illegible]	6½			
145	100	Scillex	102	- 1	9.3	16.7
320	254	Smith David	310	+ 2	2.8	10.5
184	147	Smurfit (Jeff)	179		2.3	
79	77	Somic	79		4.7	6.8
284	199	Waceri	284		3.6	12.0
284	196	Waddington (J)	290	+ 1	4.5	15.0
477	414	Watmough	477	+ 8	2.5	
239	180	Wyndeham	239	- 1	3.0	20.7

SUPPORT SERVICES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1213	833	ADT	1210			
135	100	Alpha Airpts	127½	+ 1	4.3	
38	27	Alphameric	34	- 1	0.9	29.5
44	25	Auto Sec	29			
232½	123	BET Ord	232	+ 1	2.2	23.2
190	129	BNB Resf	183	- 2	4.4	10.6
368	293	BPP	368		3.8	19.6
184	155	BSM	181	+ 1	4.9	17.0
1870	1015	BTG	1765	+ 15	0.3	
1350	850	Bunzl A	1025			
107	89	Br Bloodstock©	98			31.6
184	123	Brit Data Mgt	163		4.1	33.9
88	80	Brooks Service†	88		3.9	
435	373	Business Post	430		2.1	28.5
575	329	CRS	575	- 1	0.9	27.3
168	111½	CRT Grp	160		3.0	24.6
194	187	Card Gp	258			
385	355	Capita Group	364		1.3	31.0
33	15	Cardinal Bus	22			
10½	7½	Chemex	8½		2.2	15.2
386	317	Chubb Sec	355	- 1	2.7	18.5
155	92	Corp Services▼	152		2.9	16.2
56	46	Cestl Cartnr	52		4.8	20.7
141	73	DCS Gp	126	- 4	1.5	12.8
263	214	Dear Services	249		4.7	13.7
498	367	Delphi†	498	+ 5	1.1	19.5
142	98	Dudley Jenkins	132	- 3	3.3	20.2
79	50	Eic Factl	72		1.3	14.3
116	79	El Data Pre	99		1.3	13.1
349	245	Fl Group	338		1.5	42.1
448	382	Hays†	449	+ 1½	3.0	27.0
363	210	Hogg Robinson	262	+ 1	5.8	16.3
2029¾	1434¾	ISS B Dkr	1778	- 31½	1.4	12.1
542	360	JBA Hldgs	533	- 5	0.9	
285	256	Johnson Clean	285	+ 6	4.8	12.9
128	103	Kalamazoo	106		4.5	10.5
493	351	Kewill Sys	492		1.7	17.3
347	123	LBMS	193			
41	13	Laser Scan	33			16.2
109	90	Leigh	105	- 2	7.9	12.4
603	452	Logica	603	+ 4	1.4	25.6
86	40½	MDIS	86	- 2	1.7	
493	246	MMT Comp	480	- 5	1.9	29.2
107	66	MR Group	98		3.8	
473	398	Macro 4	470	- 2	6.0	12.7
2612½	1568½	Manpower	2609½	- 3½	0.4	
1340	663	Micro Focus	970	+ 37		
192	172	Microgen	172	- 1	5.5	11.7
839	570	Misys	839	+ 10	1.5	27.9
367	338	MITIE Gp	366		1.3	36.8
38	32	Nova Group	38		3.9	12.2
50	40	Ofex	49	+ 6	1.7	33.8
170	138	P & P	160		2.8	14.3
324	188	Page (Michael)†	320	+ 16	1.9	17.6
253	173	Parity†	252		1.2	34.4
298	200	Pegasus†	298	+ 10	1.3	31.5
88	77	Pensal†	80		1.6	46.6
169	120	Pmet-Me	162		3.9	13.6
42	32	Proudfoot	37	- 1		
283	175	RCO	283		7.6	14.6
138	105	RPS Group	137		3.1	14.5
74	47	Radius	72			
314	173	Real Time	309	+ 7	1.8	20.4
116	88	Rebes	113	- 1	1.3	
158	105	Reed Executive	138	- 2	1.3	
286	214	Reliance Sec©	227		5.4	19.8
408	325	Rentokil	405	+ 2	1.3	28.5
148	100	Ricardo Group	144		5.5	17.6
311	250	Ruley & Mcfar	310		1.7	35.9
480	325	Sage Grp	440	+ 5	0.7	35.9
284	226	Salvesen (C)	270		4.2	12.8
188	128	Sanderson Elect	164	+ 4	2.0	19.0
23	15	Select Apprt©	23			
678	532	Serco Grp	651		0.8	36.7
558	397	Sema Grp	554	+ 1	1.1	38.4
111	90	Shanks & McEwan	108		4.0	21.9
297	185	Shandwick	291	- 1	1.6	13.3
138	130	Sketchley	129	+ 1	3.6	15.9
20½	10½	Standard Plast©	14½			
248	256	Star-Plus†	244		5.4	20.3
785	380	Superscape VR	645	+ 7		
258	205	Warner Howard	241		4.7	
395	310	Waste Mgt Intl	381	+ 4		
164	127	Waste Recyg	160	+ 3	1.2	24.2

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
385	326½	BT	344½	- 1	7.0	10.6
554	430	Cable Wireless	484	+ 2	2.5	19.7
209	155	General Cable	209	+ 4		
127	85½	NYNEX Cable	124	+ 1		
253½	220	Orange	244½	- 1		
2022	1460	Securicor	2320	+ 12	0.2	49.1
1330	928	Securicor 'A'	1288		0.3	27.3
1390	925	Security Serv	1283		0.7	31.0
189	118	TeleWest	182½	- 2½		
264½	208½	Vodafone	250	+ 1	1.8	31.7

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	41	Albion	59		3.8	27.0
180	141	Alexon Wt	142		5.7	13.1
249	221	Allied Text	231	- 1	4.1	13.4
201	160	Baird (Wm)	190		6.3	34.3
165	155	Brixport-Ench	156	- 1	3.1	17.2
160	133	Br Mohair	142	- 1	7.9	12.8
34	21	Campari	28			
95	27	Charno Phrgs	30			7.6
228	226	Claremont Gat	229		5.3	14.6
208	174	Coats Viyella†	177½	+ 2½	6.2	13.3
477	356	Courtaulds Txt	359		5.3	12.3
111	85	Dawson	89		4.3	
190	175½	Dewhirst (IJ)†	177		2.5	
37	30	Dinkie Heel	30		6.7	9.0
38	25	Drummond	31		3.0	8.5
30	27	Faupel	27		17.4	5.3
475	283	FII	283	- 185	6.5	
126	58	Forminster	73	+ 3	5.9	7.1
14	7	Fostes (John)	11			
68	61	French	62		7.3	
90	70	Gent SR	85		3.7	7.7
129	112	Haggas	127		3.4	17.5
11½	8½	[illegible]	8½		4.6	27.2
14	7½	Helene Plc	8½		19.7	3.7
358	305	Hicking Pntcst	358		2.0	19.9
14	8½	Holtas	7		10.0	
38	28	Honeysuckle	28		8.9	
97	85	Horace Small	89			8.7
102	73	Jacques Vert	73		11.5	4.8
88	70	Jerome (S)	84	+ 2	3.3	10.9
475	435	Jones Stroud	475		2.8	15.7
140	115	Lambert	116	- 1	7.7	
317	246	Lamont	307	+ 1	5.4	14.7
276	240	Leeds	248		3.3	14.1
58	51	Leslie Wise Gp	55		9.7	12.0
57	44	Lyles (S)	55			
26½	23	Marling	26½	+ 1	3.1	14.4
8½	4½	PEX	5½			
198	164	Parkland	190		3.8	8.2
112	102½	Peatlandt	110		3.8	17.3
68	51	Pittards	65		2.9	
69½	59½	Readicut	69½		7.1	
79	61½	Renold	79	+ 1	5.4	8.4
65	38	Richards	56		4.5	
64	51	SEET	59			
133	103	Sherwood Grp	112		4.0	
108	83	Shiloh†	102	+ 1	4.7	
97	73	Sirdar	77		8.9	32.8
61	42	Stirling Gp	57		4.8	12.7
18	12	Strong & Fisher	14½		8.6	12.0
26	14	UK Safety	23	- 1½	4.3	
208	161	Usher (Frank)©	204		6.4	9.8
133	100	Weconart	115		5.4	
335	310	Yorkshire	314		3.2	12.7

TRANSPORT

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	107	Air London†	129	- 4	4.2	15.9
760½	625½	All Nippon Air	729½	- ½	0.3	
316	265	Assoc Br Ports	300		2.8	18.7
555	472	BAA	507	- 17	2.6	17.0
570	464	Br Airways	566	+ 13	3.1	11.7
17	8	Central Tran R	14			
113	101	Clarkson (H)	108	- 1	3.5	
175	162	Clydeport†	171	- 1	3.2	12.9
232	214	Dart	224		2.8	14.2
91	82	Eurotunnel Uts	84	- 1½		
180	145	FirstBus	176		3.3	
138	85	Fisher (James)	135	- 3	1.9	12.2
680	550	Forth Ports†	623	- 12	2.3	21.5
347	277	Go-Ahead	310		2.0	13.9
358	248	Goode Durrant	358	+ 7	2.6	13.6
156	107	Isid Steam	156		3.7	
563	478	Irish Cont	553		0.9	14.0
84	65	Jacobs	83	- 1	1.9	
89	82	Lon O'Seas Frts	88	+ 1	0.8	17.5
456	390	Mersey Docks	440		3.3	18.0
178	140	NFC	158	- 2	5.6	22.9
516	362	Natl Express	506	+ 1	2.5	14.3
443	372	Ocean Group†	441	+ 1	4.1	19.5
108	85	Ocean Wilson	99		6.6	
564	467	P & O Dfd†	529	- 1	7.2	13.9
183	155	P & O 5.5%	172	- 2	4.0	
67	56	Seacon	59		4.7	27.3
345	231	Sentinel†	344	+ 1	1.6	
458	327	Stagecoach	441		1.6	25.9
96	67	TLS†	93		3.6	13.9
93	74	TNT	85	- 2		
630	580	Tibbet & Britten	603		3.4	34.1
229	187	TDG	190	- 1	6.0	14.5
81	70	Tyzack†	74		3.7	11.7
106	74	Utd Carriers	106		3.8	

RETAILERS, FOOD

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
120½	101½	ASDA Group	119½	+ 1	2.4	17.9
361	294	Argyll	341	- 3	4.8	13.3
717	637	Dixie Trns	712		1.7	
47½	31	Budgen	46½	+ 1	3.1	16.4
17½	13½	Cullens	15½		4.0	21.8
69	57	Dairy Farm Intl	58½		6.8	8.2
310	281	Faropak	301		3.3	12.8
58	41	Fitzwilton	56		5.6	12.8
120	108	Fyffes	110		2.0	11.7
240	165	Greencl	217	- 1	4.8	56.6
1395	1150	Greggs†	1365		2.4	17.1
161	142	Iceland Group†	151		4.3	8.9
520	420	Kwik Save†	458	+ 1	5.5	8.4
177	142	Morrison (W)	170	- 1	1.8	
179	142	Hardin Finks	164	- 1	5.7	
93	73	Park Foods	89		4.2	16.0
12	6½	Regina Hlth©	6½			
425	355	Sainsbury J†	373	- 4	4.1	13.8
317	245	Tesco†	285	+ 1	4.2	12.6
157	130	Thorntons	150		4.4	17.2
575	485	Watson & Philip	490		4.1	15.3

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
129	81	Alexon	129	+ 5		31.8
249	164	Allders	210	- 3½	4.2	13.7
769½	598	Argos†	720	+ 2	2.4	24.5
215	126	Ashley (Laura)	206		0.3	69.6
246	150	Austin Reed†	228		3.3	31.1
143	126	Beattie (J)	134	+ 2	6.2	14.7
119	95	Benalls†	116		2.4	57.8
96	67	Bellwether	93	- ½	3.5	53.4
138	87½	Blacks Leis	131	+ 3	2.1	67.4
189	141	Body Shop†	186	+ 3	0.3	
650	562	Boots	623	- 3	3.5	17.2
29	16	Brown & Jackson	22			
347	283	Brown (N)	332		2.2	
160½	125	Burton	152	- 1½	1.8	30.5
175	160	Cantors	171	- 3	2.2	
586	420	Carpetright	554		2.7	29.7
231	165	Christies Intl	224	+ 8	1.6	
440	368	Church	420	+ 8	4.3	15.5
155	111	Clinton Cards†	151		4.2	11.7
180	147	Clty Casuals†	177	- 2	3.8	
923	768	Cairns Forsch	915		0.9	28.6
215	180	Cown Eye©	215		6.4	8.3
537	381	DFS Furniture†	513	- 2	2.1	28.7
507	409	Dixons Grp	496	+ 3	1.9	26.7
580	580	Elys (Wimbldn)	580		4.1	
9½	7	ERA Gp	9		1.4	25.9
116	82	Essex Furnture†	105	- 1	5.1	
195	153	Etam	177		0.9	
501	410	Fine Art Dev	496	+ 1	4.3	
144	66	Fired Earth	98		2.6	16.2
180	139	Flying Flw Uls	180		2.2	17.1
167	143	French Conn†	164		1.5	
195	180	Frost Group	183		6.8	
86	75	Gevest	80		3.5	14.7
314	194	Goldsmiths Gp	312		1.8	20.4
770	661	GUS	680	- 3	2.8	18.0
371	301	Harolyst	371	+ 3	2.7	
101	80	Hampden Grp†	94		2.7	
190	152	Hse of Fraser†	175	+ 2	3.9	34.1
78	48½	Hughes (TJ)†	76		4.4	
210	135	Innovations†	190	- 5	1.2	
755	570	JJB Sports†	755		1.4	
609	504	Kingfisher†	608	+ 14	3.3	19.7
280	166	Kingsbury Grp	257	- 1	1.5	20.1
390	275	Liberty	370		2.4	34.5
1120	1075	Henderson An	1114		5.0	20.5
325	226	Hweiors†	262	- 2	2.2	15.7
45	41	Investrnet Co	35	- 1	8.4	13.8
395	279	Ivory Stne	355		3.8	18.9
209	198	Jardine Strat	204½	- ½	4.6	
182	38	Jacksen Fry†	140	- 2	7.5	6.9
384	329	Liberty Intl	363		4.7	21.8
292	218	Lon Forfaiting	292	- 1	4.4	15.2
261	216	London Pacific	260		2.4	22.6
117	87	Lon Scot Br	108		2.9	22.0
166	133	Man ED & F	180		6.7	9.2
1304	1157	M & G	1293		3.2	24.7
482	304	MEI	475	5	2.5	21.1
179	113	MFI 5⅝% Cu Pf	179		4.1	
106	94½	MMH	105	- 5	4.6	
129	94	Nat Home Loan	106	- 5	1.2	4.7
2775	1550	Perpetual	2553	15	2.4	26.8
436	398	Provident	434		3.5	19.7
338	310	Rathbone Bros	326		3.8	
56½	27½	Richard Tsl	53		2.2	20.0
421	299	S & U	420		4.9	
135	108	S&P Capital	125	+ 2	2.9	23.4
607	449	Save & Prosper	565½	- 3½	2.2	21.7
57	32	Town Cen	54	- 2	2.3	
5	5	Trio Hldg	1½			
499	258	Lloyds Chemst	478		2.7	16.2
195	143	MFI	176	- 1	3.0	26.2
463	410½	Marks Spencer	462	+ 29½	2.1	15.6
635	525	Menzies (John)	593		2.8	15.0
20	15½	Merchant Retail	17½	- ½		12.3
1025	615	Moss Bros	1025	+ 5	2.2	23.3
582½	420	Next	549	+ 3	2.7	24.0
53	50	Owen (G)	52			
570	400	Owtume Intl	520		2.7	20.8
86	66	Partridge Fine	80		4.5	13.5
56	32	QS Hldgs	53		3.7	
19	9½	Ramo Grp	18½			
241	191	Ratners	240		2.6	13.4
105	94	Scarci	95½	- ½	5.2	
4	1½	Signet Group	3½	+ 1½		
506	399	Smith WH	485	+ 1	4.0	29.2
1010	835	Sotheby's	958	- 2	1.2	25.2
362	281	Storehouse	335	- 1	2.5	23.5
120	90	Style	113		5.4	16.9
221	191	T & S Stores†	218		4.1	13.0
171	162	Tie Rack	162		2.2	18.2
4	2½	Upton & South	3½			
592	542	Vendome	578	+ 8	2.2	21.0
26	17	WEW Group	24	- 2	1.8	
141	115	Wickes	116		2.3	
94	52	Wd of Leather	88	- 4	2.3	
222	198	Wyevale	210		3.2	

WATER

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
631	585	Anglian	535	- 8	6.3	8.2
785	703	Hyder	716	- 3	7.4	8.5
108	98½	Hyder Cnv Pf	103½	- ½	8.5	
435	425	Mid Kent Hlds	435		3.9	11.7
688	550	Severn Trent	559	- 7	6.7	6.7
2458	2375	South Staffs	2458	+ 10	3.7	14.3
731	600	South West	659	- 1	5.3	9.2
779	652	Southern	677	- 1	5.0	8.2
597	530	Thames	561	- 5	6.0	7.5
633	558	Utd Utilities	568	- 13	5.9	7.2
363	301	Wessex	302	- 9	5.7	6.5
704	583	Yorkshire	631	- 6	5.8	8.3

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
58	18	Abacus Recruit	43			
185	95	Cale Inns	175		1.4	14.4
88	58	Country Gdns	76		2.3	
1375	860	Dawson Hldgs	1245	- 5	3.0	33.4
188	53	Fircroft	67	- 3		
28½	14	Freepages	26½	+ ½		
117	92	Megalomedia	104			
475	120	Memory Corp	147	- 3		
124	91	Old English Pub	118		1.1	
445	365	Pel City	390			
595	524	Southern News	582		3.4	15.3
68	50	Southern Vects	68			
227	122	Surrey Fr Inns	225		1.1	26.5
74	46	Trocadero	70			

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gr red yld
218¾	215¹¹⁄₃₂	Treas 2% 1996	218¾		0.92	5.07
103¼	101¼	Conv 10% 1996	101¼		9.82	5.99
101⁹⁄₃₂	100¹⁄₁₆	Treas 7% 1997	100⁷⁄₁₆		6.94	6.31
107⅜	104⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	104⅞		12.66	6.07
104⅝	103	Exch 10½% 1997	103⅛		10.17	6.09
104⅝	102¼	Treas 8¾% 1997	102⅝		8.51	6.36
114⅞	111⅜	Exch 15% 1997	111⅝	- ⅛	13.43	6.36
106⅞	104⅞	Exch 9¾% 1998	104⅝		9.29	6.58
102⁵⁄₁₆	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	101		7.18	6.68
101	99⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100¼		6.73	6.68
116⁹⁄₃₂	113⅜	Treas 14% 1998-01	113⅝		12.35	6.76
122⅛	118⅜	Treas 15½% 1998	118⅞	- ⅛	13.08	6.86
114⅞	111⅜	Exch 12% 1998	111¹⁵⁄₃₂	- ⅛	10.77	6.96
109⅝	105⅜	Treas 9½% 1999	106	- ⅛	8.96	7.00
116⅝	112¼	Exch 12¼% 1999	113¼	- ⅛	10.83	7.00
112⅛	108⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	109⅝	- ⅛	9.62	7.00
96⅞	96	Treas 6% 1999	96⅞	- ⅛	6.20	7.13
112⅛	108⅞	Conv 10¼% 1999	109⅝	- ⅛	9.40	7.26
108⅞	104⅞	Conv 9% 2000	105⅝	- ⅛	8.53	7.32
105¼	101⅝	Treas 8% 2000	102⅝	- ⅛	7.82	7.40
124⅞	119⅝	Treas 13% 2000	119⅝	- ⅛	10.86	7.41
114	109⅝	Treas 10% 2001	109⅝	- ¼	9.11	7.52

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gr red yld
101⅝	96⅞	Treas 7% 2001	97⅞	- ⅛	7.17	7.56
114⅝	108¼	Treas 9¾% 2002	110⅞	- ⅛	8.85	7.72
105⅞	99⅞	Treas 8% 2003	101⅝	- ⅛	7.88	7.77
117⅝	110⅛	Treas 10% 2003	111⅝	- ⅛	8.93	7.81
119⅞	114⅝	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115⅜	- ⅛	9.98	7.66
81⅞	78¼	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80⅝	- ⅛	4.37	6.72
115⅝	107⅝	Conv 9½% 2004	109	- ⅛	8.69	7.95
36¹¹⁄₁₆	97⅝	Treas 6¾% 2004	93⅝	- ⅛	7.28	7.94
108⅞	101⅜	Treas 8½% 2005	103⅝	- ⅛	8.22	7.98
114⅝	108⅜	Conv 9½% 2005	109⅞	- ⅛	8.67	7.99
131¼	123⅝	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125⅝	- ⅛	9.96	7.95
101⅞	94⅞	Treas 7¾% 2006	96⅞	- ⅛	7.79	8.02
103¼	96⅞	Treas 7¾% 2006	97⅞	- ⅛	7.92	8.06
104⅞	97⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	100⅛	- ⅛	7.99	8.06
125⅞	118⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119⅞	- ⅛	9.80	7.90
108⅞	101⅞	Treas 8½% 2007	102⅞	- ⅛	8.24	8.09
138⅝	130⅝	Treas 13½% 2004-08	131⅝	- ⅛	10.24	7.97
112⅝	105	Treas 9% 2008	106⅞	- ⅛	8.43	8.12
103⅝	95⅝	Treas 8% 2009	98⅝	- ⅛	8.09	8.16

LONGS (over 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gr red yld
[illegible]	81¼	Treas 6¼% 2010	[illegible]	- ⅛	7.50	[illegible]
112⅝	105⅞	Conv 9% 2011	106⅞	- ⅛	8.45	8.23
113⅝	104⅝	Treas 9% 2012	106⅞	- ⅛	8.48	8.25
82⅝	75¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	77⅝	- ⅛	7.11	8.02
103⅝	95⅝	Treas 8% 2013	97⅝	- ⅛	8.21	8.27
101⅝	93⅝	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95⅝	- ⅛	8.14	8.29
103⅝	95⅝	Treas 8% 2015	97⅝	- ⅛	8.22	8.27
111¼	102½	Treas 8¾% 2017	104¼	- ⅛	8.39	8.32
141¼	130⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	133	- ⅛	9.02	8.37
[illegible]	95⅝	Treas 8% 2021	97⅝	- ⅛	8.22	8.25

UNDATED

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gr red yld
45¼	41⅝	War Ln 3½%	42⅝xd	- ⅛	8.25	
32⅝	29⅝	Treas 2½%	30⅝		8.46	
50⅞	46⅝	Consols 4%	47⅝	+ ⅛	8.38	

INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
113⅝	111⅝	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113	- ⅛	1.32	2.81
180⅝	176¼	Treas IL 2% 2001	179⅝		3.11	3.62
179⅝	171⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2003	174⅝	- ⅛	3.29	3.72
116⅝	112⅝	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114⅝	- ⅛	3.35	3.73
185⅝	179⅝	Treas IL 2% 2006	182⅝	- ⅛	3.45	3.75
167⅝	161⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2009	163⅝	- ⅛	3.53	3.78
173⅝	166⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	169⅝	- ⅛	3.57	3.79
140	136⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2013	138⅝	- ⅛	3.61	3.81
152¼	145⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	147⅝	- ⅛	3.64	3.83
146	139⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	141⅝	- ⅛	3.66	3.84
122	115⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2024	117⅝	- ⅛	3.67	3.81
120¼	113⅝	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	115⅝	- ⅛	3.68	3.82

Queen's Bench Division — Law Report May 22 1996

Fire brigade owe no actionable duty of care

John Munroe (Acrylics) Ltd v London Fire and Civil Defence Authority and Others

Before Mr Justice Rougier

[Judgment April 15]

No sufficient proximity or special relationship existed between a fire brigade and the owner of premises which might be on fire, such as to impose upon the fire brigade and vicariously, upon a fire authority, a duty at common law to respond to a call for assistance. Considerations of public policy militated against the imposition of such a duty.

Nor, merely by responding to an emergency call and visiting premises where a fire was burning, did the fire brigade put themselves into sufficient proximity to the building owner to impose a common law duty of care upon them, or assume a particular responsibility to those likely to be affected by the fire.

Mr Justice Rougier so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division, answering in the negative a preliminary issue of law, namely whether the first defendants, the London Fire and Civil Defence Authority, owed any duty of care to the plaintiffs, John Munroe (Acrylics) Ltd, in respect of damage by fire to their industrial premises at Unit 69, Weir Road, Wimbledon, on March 27, 1991.

In the same action the plaintiffs also sued the second and third defendants, Any Effects Ltd, in liquidation, and Thomas Charles Harris, trading as Any Effects.

Mr Ronald Walker, QC and Mr Toby Hooper for the plaintiffs; Mr Michael de Navarro, QC, Mr Graham Eklund and Miss Jennifer Gray for the fire authority; the second and third defendants did not appear and were not represented.

MR JUSTICE ROUGIER said that for the purpose of the preliminary hearing the agreed facts were that the second and third defendants deliberately caused an explosion on wasteland not far from the plaintiffs' premises, scattering a shower of flaming debris over a fairly wide area. Small fires started separated by quite substantial distances, debris fell on to the plaintiffs' premises and smoke came from a corner of the yard.

Four fire engines arrived in response to emergency calls, by which time the second defendants' staff had extinguished the burning debris and the fires on the wasteland and there was no visible evidence of any continuing conflagration.

Having looked around, the fire crews took the view that the fires were out and the danger had passed and left. They did not inspect Unit 69 which abutted one side of the wasteland, where there was combustible material to be seen. It was also likely that there would have been smouldering debris. No member of the plaintiffs' staff was present.

It was agreed by the parties that his Lordship should adopt the incremental approach to the development of novel categories of negligence culminating in *Caparo Industries plc v Dickman* ([1990] 2 AC 605).

That approach involved consideration of (i) foreseeability of damage; (ii) whether sufficient proximity in the legal sense existed between the plaintiffs and the fire authority to cast upon the latter a duty to take care; and (iii) whether there were considerations of public policy whereby it would not be just, fair or reasonable to saddle the fire authority with such a duty.

It was agreed that there was no statutory duty on the fire brigade, or the fire authority, to fight fires, although section 30 of the Fire Services Act 1947 gave a fire brigade the power to fight fires and section 1 required a fire authority to make efficient arrangements for dealing with calls for assistance.

Nor was it in issue that the first limb of the *Caparo* requirements was satisfied.

The plaintiffs submitted that within the statutory framework of a duty to make arrangements to respond to calls there should be implied a common law duty on the fire brigade to respond to those calls; that the necessary legal proximity was established whenever a call on the fire brigade was made and the endangered premises or persons identified; and that there was a companion duty to act with care in responding.

Their secondary position was that, even if there was no common law duty to respond, by responding and visiting the premises where the fire was burning, the fire brigade put themselves within the range of legal proximity to the owner of the premises and to the owners of neighbouring premises in the area of foreseeable danger from the fire.

The fire authority submitted that, like the police, the duty they owed was a public duty to the public at large and that neither the 1947 Act nor the circumstances in which they operated suggested that any duty was owed to private individuals to respond to emergency calls.

Their secondary position was that if a response was made a duty might arise where (i) they specifically assumed responsibility to an individual; (ii) they caused damage over and above that created by the original event; or (iii) they caused fresh damage.

Following the approach in *Caparo* it was necessary to consider what services or organisations and their operations were sufficiently comparable in kind so that the incremental approach referred to enabled one to say that a duty of common law should or should not be implied to the fire brigade.

It was an essential feature of true comparability that the duty postulated should be a duty to protect or assist the plaintiff from the harm done or threatened by third parties, or from some peril not brought about by any act or omission of the fire brigade itself.

The plaintiffs relied on *Anns v Merton London Borough Council* ([1978] AC 728). His Lordship said, first, the local authority in that case was not reacting to peril created by someone else and was not in the same position as the emergency services. Second, there had been a distinct retreat from the extreme position reached in *Anns* and it was to be doubted whether it could any longer be relied on as authority for the plaintiffs' contention.

There existed no sufficient proximity nor special relationship between fire brigades and the owner of any property that might be ablaze to cast upon them a personal duty at common law to respond to any call for assistance.

Where public policy was concerned, Lord Keith of Kinkel and Lord Templeman in *Hill v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire* ([1989] 1 AC 53, 63-64) listed the reasons why it was not in the public interest to saddle police officers with personal common law duties towards individuals affected by crimes which the officers were supposed to prevent.

Clerk & Lindsell on Torts (17th edition (1995) p229, paragraph 7115) listed the considerations which had influenced courts in deciding what was fair, just and reasonable.

Many of those considerations were applicable to the fire brigade and militated on the ground of public policy against the imposition of any common law duty:

1 No extra standard of care would be achieved;

2 A common law duty of care could lead to defensive firefighting;

3 The efficiency of the emergency services should be tested not in private litigation but by an inquiry instituted by national or local authorities responsible to the electorate;

4 The fact that a fire brigade acted for the collective welfare should be taken into account; and

5 The most important consideration was the floodgates argument.

It was a truism to say that we lived in an age of compensation. There seemed to be a growing belief that every misfortune, in pecuniary terms at least, had to be laid at someone else's door, and after every mishap, every tragedy, the cupped palms were outstretched for the solace of monetary compensation.

Fire brigades were often reacting to situations created by the hand of God or that of a lunatic or a criminal. Pecuniary compensation was notoriously difficult to obtain from such persons, particularly the first.

The consequence was that the party suffering damage would be eager to fix his cannon against a defendant who would be in a position to meet a claim. The money to meet successful claims would have to be subscribed by the general public.

His Lordship adopted the reasoning of Lord Justice Staughton in *M (a Minor) v Newham London Borough Council* ([1995] 2 AC 633, 674). The countervailing arguments for the imposition of a duty on the ground of public policy had nothing like the weight of the arguments against so doing.

On the subsidiary question whether, despite the absence of a duty to respond, there was sufficient proximity to the building owner when they did so respond, his Lordship started with the second *Caparo* requirement.

In *Alexandrou v Oxford* ([1993] 4 All ER 328), not only did the police respond to a 999 call but, like the fire brigade in the present case, inspected the premises and kept a periodic eye on them in the course of their duties. That was not enough, however, to bring them within the range of legal proximity.

Before the necessary proximity could be established something more, a special ingredient, had to be shown to demonstrate that besides the mere performance of their public duty the fire brigade, or other emergency services, undertook a personal responsibility to some individual during the course of their activity.

Since the position of the police force was properly comparable for present purposes with that of the fire brigade, *Alexandrou* was effectively binding on his Lordship.

That decided the preliminary question and it was unnecessary to determine the public policy argument in relation to the secondary question.

Solicitors: Hextall Erskine & Co; Mr S. J. F. Starling, Lambeth.

Copying court registers removes statutory protection

Ex parte Creditnet Ltd and Others

Before Mr Justice Jonathan Parker

[Judgment May 8]

The wholesale removal of the contents of registers of winding-up petitions into the public domain undermined the protection afforded by the advertisement provisions of rule 4.11 of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925).

Mr Justice Jonathan Parker, sitting as Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster, so held when refusing ex parte applications for leave to inspect and make multiple searches, pursuant to rule 7.28 of the 1986 Rules, of winding-up petitions maintained in the Liverpool District Registry, made by Creditnet Ltd, Austintel Ltd and Debtor Management Ltd.

Rule 7.28 provides: "(1) Subject as follows, the court's records of insolvency proceedings shall be open to inspection by any person.

"(2) If in the case of a person applying to inspect the records the registrar is not satisfied as to the propriety of the purpose for which inspection is required, he may refuse to allow it. The person may then apply forthwith and ex parte to the judge, who may refuse the inspection, or allow it on such terms as he thinks fit."

Mr Geoffrey Zelin for Creditnet Ltd; Mr Justin Rushbrooke for Austintel Ltd; Mr Colin Robertson, a director, in person for Debtor Management Ltd.

MR JUSTICE JONATHAN PARKER said that the Liverpool register consisted of a list of all winding-up petitions issued in the Liverpool District Registry, whether or not such petitions had been served or advertised. Similar registers were maintained in all county courts and on the central computer at the Companies Court in London.

Leave was sought to make multiple searches on a continuous basis. General liberty to make such multiple searches was withdrawn by the chief clerk at Liverpool on August 11, 1995 in the light of the district judges' concern that applicants were exploiting the opportunity to make multiple searches by, in effect, selling the information on the register to their customers and subscribers.

In a written decision dated January 11, 1996 District Judge Knopf indicated that those who could demonstrate a legitimate interest in particular insolvency proceedings would be allowed to inspect the record relating to that particular matter and that any applicant for inspection would only be allowed to search against named companies; hence the present applications.

After referring to an element of inconsistency in the various approaches adopted by different courts in relation to multiple searches, to the provisions of rules 4.11 as to advertisement and 7.31 as to inspection and to suggestions advanced by counsel intended to establish a measure of consistency in the practice of courts throughout the country, his Lordship referred to the decision of Mr Justice Millett in *In re an Application under the Insolvency Rules 1986* ([1994] 2 BCLC 104) on an application made by a Mr Kiblansky, which he adopted and accepted.

In that case, Mr Justice Millett had said that although the records of insolvency proceedings were available for public inspection, the registrar had to be satisfied that the inspection was required for a legitimate purpose. That purpose was "to enable persons who have a legitimate interest in a particular insolvency proceeding to discover what has taken place".

The purpose for which each of the applicants sought leave to inspect the Liverpool register was predominantly that of abstracting the entirety of the information entered on the register and making such information available to its customers and subscribers on commercial terms.

The carrying into effect of that purpose resulted, and was intended to result in the applicant maintaining what for practical purposes was a duplicate of the register maintained by the court but with the difference that whereas the court's register was subject to the court's power to control inspection, conferred by rule 7.28(2), the duplicate register was not under the court's control. That difference was crucial.

The wholesale removal of the register's contents into the public domain, by the use of multiple searches, substantially undermined the provisions of rule 4.11 as to advertisement. To anyone subscribing to the service offered by any of the applicants, advertisement in the *London Gazette* was an irrelevance.

Advertisement was not merely a formality. In considering whether and in what circumstances the fact of the presentation of a winding-up petition should become public knowledge, a balance had to be struck between the legitimate interests of a company's creditors, or other parties, particularly banks, dealing or proposing to deal with a company, and the interest of the company in having an opportunity to defend itself against winding-up petitions which were misconceived, or were based on alleged indebtedness which was bona fide disputed by the company on substantial grounds.

In his Lordship's judgment that balance was struck by rule 4.11.

The provision that a petition should not be advertised for at least seven business days after service afforded just such an opportunity, although not a complete one since an individual search would reveal the fact of presentation of a petition that might not yet have been advertised.

The objection to multiple searches was that they operated to neutralise the protection afforded in practice by the rule.

His Lordship concluded that none of the applicants had demonstrated a legitimate interest and the applications were dismissed.

Solicitors: Gruber Garratt, Ashton-under-Lyne; Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners.

Photocopy assistance for the court

Practice Statement (Court of Appeal: Authorities)

Parties providing photocopies of authorities on which they intended to rely would greatly enhance the benefit to the court if they lodged with the skeleton argument a list of those authorities and the photocopies, and if counsel liaised with each other to avoid duplication.

The court would not usually grant leave to cite unreported cases unless assured that the particular transcript (a) contained a relevant statement of principle not found in reported authority and (b) was not cited because of the phraseology used or to illustrate the application of established principle.

Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, so stated on May 15 sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Aldous.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said:

1 Save as provided in *Practice Direction (Court of Appeal: Citation of authority)* ([1995] 1 WLR 1096) parties to appeals in the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal were not required to provide photocopies of the authorities on which they relied.

2 Where, however, as was often the case, one or other party chose to provide photocopies of the principal authorities, including textbook extracts and academic articles, relied on, the benefit to the court was very greatly enhanced if:

(i) a list of those authorities, and the photocopies, were lodged with the skeleton argument so that they could be used by the members of the court when preparing for the hearing;

(ii) counsel liaised with each other so as to ensure, so far as possible, that the authorities provided were not duplicated.

The photocopies provided needed only to include, for each law report, the headnote and the pages containing the particular passages relied on and, for each textbook and article, the title pages and the pages containing the particular passages relied on.

3 Leave to cite unreported cases would not usually be granted unless counsel were able to assure the court that the transcript in question contained a relevant statement of legal principle not found in reported authority and that the authority was not cited because of the phraseology used or as an illustration of the application of an established legal principle.

Bystanders' fear does not make murder capital

Lamey v The Queen

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Griffiths, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead and Lord Steyn

[Judgment May 20]

A statutory provision in Jamaica that a murder committed in the course of an act of terrorism, defined as "the use of violence which ... is calculated to create a state of fear in ... any section of the public," was capital murder had not been intended to include murders committed with the sole intent of killing the victim where the fear in those who witnessed the event was created by the killing and nothing else.

The Privy Council so held in allowing an appeal by Leroy Lamey from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Jamaica (Justice of Appeal Wright, Justice of Appeal Gordon and Justice of Appeal Wolfe) dated November 7, 1994 refusing him leave to appeal against his conviction of capital murder under section 2(1)(f) of the Offences against the Person Act 1864, as substituted by section 2 of the Offences against the Person (Amendment) Act 1992. The case was remitted to the Court of Appeal for sentence for non-capital murder.

The appellant and another had approached the deceased in a residential area and shot him. There was no evidence of either victim or assailants having connections with any particular cause, but a number of bystanders had been had been frightened by the production of the guns. The judge had directed the jury that the case was capable of falling within section 2(1)(f).

Mr Owen Davies and Mr Raza Husain for the appellant; Mr James Guthrie, QC, for the Crown.

LORD JAUNCEY, giving the judgment of the board, said that something more than mere consequential frightening of the victim or occasional bystanders was required under section 2(1)(f). There to be a double intent on the part of the murderer, namely an intent to murder and an intent to create a state of fear in the public or a section thereof.

The intent to create a state of fear could be demonstrated by the mere circumstances in which the murder had been committed or it might manifest itself in some other conduct of which the murder formed part such as the blowing up of a building or a highjacked aeroplane.

In neither case was it necessary that the murder be witnessed by others; suffice it that the circumstances in which it took place were intended to create fear in those who were the objects of the terror when they became aware of the facts.

The paragraph did not apply to a murder committed with the sole intent of killing the victim whereby fear happened to be created in those who saw it take place or heard of it.

There was no evidence to suggest that the appellant and his colleague had any intention other than to kill the deceased. The fear in the bystanders was created by the killing and nothing else. It followed that the appellant did not commit a capital murder for the purposes of section 2(1)(f).

Solicitors: Simons Muirhead & Burton; Charles Russell.

Court of Appeal

Silent telephone call can cause actual bodily harm

Regina v Ireland

Before Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Douglas Brown

[Judgment May 14]

A telephone call or a series of telephone calls, followed by silence, could constitute an assault causing actual bodily harm.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of Robert Matthew Ireland against his conviction following pleas of guilty on February 6, 1995 at Newport (Gwent) Crown Court (Judge Prosser, QC) to three counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm contrary to section 47 of the Offences against the Person Act, 1861. On March 10, 1995 he was sentenced to a total of three years imprisonment.

Mr Philip Richards, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Christopher Llewellyn-Jones, QC and Mr Roger Griffiths for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE SWINTON THOMAS, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the charges arose as a result of the appellant making a large number of unwanted telephone calls to three women. When the women answered the telephone there was silence. On occasions there were repeated calls over a relatively short period.

Each of the complainants was examined by a psychiatrist who said in his witness statement that the result of the repeated telephone calls was that each of them suffered significant psychological symptoms which included palpitations, difficulty in breathing, cold sweats, anxiety, inability to sleep, dizziness and stress.

An assault was any act by which a person intentionally or recklessly caused another to apprehend immediate and unlawful violence: see *R v Savage* ([1992] 1 AC 699, 740).

In *R v Chan-Fook* ([1994] 1 WLR 689) it was held that "actual bodily harm" was capable of including psychiatric injury but not mere emotion such as fear, distress or panic.

In their Lordships' judgment, if the Crown could prove that the victims had sustained actual bodily harm, in this case psychological harm, and that the accused must have intended the victims to sustain such harm or have been reckless as to whether they did sustain such harm, and that harm resulted from an act or acts of the appellant, namely telephone calls followed by silence, it was open to the jury to find that he had committed an assault.

As to immediacy, by using the telephone the appellant put himself in immediate contact with the victims and when the victims lifted the telephone they were placed in immediate fear and suffered the consequences to which reference had been made.

Their Lordships' attention had been drawn to a number of cases concerning the definition of assault, some of them of some antiquity. It was of importance that an assault did not necessarily include a battery.

For many centuries it had been recognised that putting a person in fear might amount to an assault: see *Tuberville v Savage* ([1669] 1 Mod 3).

In *Smith v Chief Superintendent, Woking Police Station* ([1983] 76 Cr App R 234), an important case for the purpose of this appeal, the defendant had entered the ground of a private house and looked through the windows of the house occupied by the victim; she was terrified.

The defendant was charged under section 4 of the Vagrancy Act 1824 which provided: "Every person being found ... in any enclosed ... garden for any unlawful purpose shall be deemed rogue and a vagabond."

In his judgment dismissing the appeal against conviction, Lord Justice Kerr had said (at p237): "The question of law is whether there was evidence upon which the magistrates court could conclude that the purpose of the defendant was to assault [the victim] and consequently 'an unlawful purpose' within the meaning of the Vagrancy Act 1824 ... In the present case the defendant intended to frighten [the victim] and [the victim] was frightened...

"It was clearly a situation where the basis of the fear which was instilled in her was that she did not know what the defendant was going to do next, but that, whatever he might be going to do next, and sufficiently immediately for the purposes of the offence, was something of a violent nature."

Clearly the facts of *Smith's* case bore some similarity to the present case.

Barton v Armstrong ([1969] 2 NSWR 451) was a civil action in the Supreme Court of New South Wales. The action was based in part on an allegation of assault. Assaults were alleged to have been committed by telephone. Justice Taylor held that a threat made over the telephone was capable of amounting to an assault.

In the present case there were no threats but merely silence. In the circumstances in which those constant telephone calls were made to the victims, followed by silence, they were, in their Lordships' judgment, just as capable of being terrifying to the victims as if actual threats had been made.

Their Lordships agreed with the reasoning of Justice Taylor and in particular with his proposition that whether a particular act or particular acts amounted to an assault was a question of fact which would depend upon the circumstances.

In their Lordships' judgment the making of a telephone call or a series of telephone calls, followed by silence, was capable of amounting to a relevant act for the purposes of section 47 of the 1861 Act. The act consisted in the making of the telephone call and it did not matter whether words or silence ensued. As in the case of *Smith*, these victims would not know what the appellant was going to do next.

In most cases an assault was likely to involve direct physical violence to the body. However, the fact that the violence was inflicted indirectly causing psychological harm did not render the act to be any less an act of violence.

Nor, in their Lordships' judgment, was it necessary that there should be an immediate proximity between defendant and victim. Fear could be instilled as readily over the telephone as it could through the window.

Repetitious telephone calls of that nature were likely to cause the victims to apprehend immediate and unlawful violence. That the appellant so intended was inherent in his pleas of guilty. The conduct complained of fell squarely within the recognised definition of the offence.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Gwent.

Public nuisance in series of obscene calls to women

Regina v Johnson (Anthony Thomas)

Before Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Douglas Brown

[Judgment May 14]

Making obscene telephone calls on many occasions to numerous women was conduct capable of constituting a public nuisance since it materially affected the reasonable comfort and convenience of a section of the public.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by Anthony Thomas Johnson against his conviction in September 1995 at Preston Crown Court (Judge Andrew, QC and a jury) of public nuisance. He was sentenced to 240 hours community service and was also ordered to pay £500 towards prosecution costs.

Mr Richard Haworth, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Leslie Hull for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE TUCKER, delivering the judgment of the court, said that over a period of five and half years, between September 1988 and May 1994 the appellant had made obscene telephone calls on hundreds of occasions to at least 13 different women in the South Cumbria area.

There was no doubt that the effect of those calls was such as to cause nuisance to the recipient. The question was whether it was a public nuisance.

The offence of public nuisance was defined in *Attorney-General v P. Y. A. Quarries Ltd* ([1957] 2 QB 169, 184, 191) by Lord Justice Romer who had said: "any nuisance is 'public' which materially affected the reasonable comfort and convenience of a class of her Majesty's subjects" and Lord Justice Denning who had said: "A public nuisance is a nuisance which is so widespread in its range or so indiscriminate in its effect that it would not be reasonable to expect one person to take proceedings on his own responsibility to put a stop to it, but that it should be taken on the responsibility of the community at large".

Mr Haworth contended that each of the telephone calls was a single isolated act to an individual person which might have represented a private nuisance but it was wrong to lump them all together and to regard the cumulative effect as an offence of public nuisance.

However, in their Lordships' judgment it was permissible and necessary to look at the cumulative effect of those calls, made to numerous women on numerous occasions in the case of each woman, and to have regard to the cumulative effect of the calls, in determining whether the appellant's conduct constituted a public nuisance.

In the court's view it was conduct which materially affected the reasonable comfort and convenience of a class of her Majesty's subjects and was a nuisance so widespread in its range or so indiscriminate in its effect that it would not be reasonable to expect one person to take proceedings on her own responsibility.

The position was not affected by the fact that the appellant had met a number of the complainants or had acquired knowledge of their telephone numbers, by reason of having carried out work at their homes, nor by the fact that he had met other ladies socially.

If the scale of the undoubted nuisance was sufficient then it was capable in law of constituting a public nuisance. Whether in this case there was a sufficient number of complainants of the calls to amount to a public nuisance was a question for the jury to decide, following proper directions such as were given in this case.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Carlisle.

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... and problems mar Opera North's *Marriage of Figaro* as Caroline Gawn's Mozart staging loses the plot

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Mike Leigh brings his new film *Secrets & Lies* to Britain, fresh from its triumph at the Cannes festival

They were one tough orchestra, but the German guy on the podium was tougher. **Richard Morrison** tells the story

How Kurt conquered New York

Not many years ago a visit by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra would have been greeted with an indifference bordering on disdain. The orchestra was perceived as being an ill-blended ensemble of hard-boiled players whose chief delight lay in making life hell for conductors and their own management.

What a difference a change at the top makes. Today the world looks to New York not just for refined music-making — though the orchestra is playing more beautifully than for years — but also as a model of how orchestras generally might prosper in the 21st century. And it is all attributed to an alliance between two of the toughest characters in classical music.

> ‘They get sullen if a conductor does not know what he wants’

Deborah Borda, now in her fifth season as the NYPO's executive director, has brought tremendous flair to the task of livening up the music-making — and the audience — at Lincoln Centre. True, she has a $28 million budget: but just 2 per cent of that is public subsidy. She is heavily reliant on box office and private patronage, which makes the scale of the NYPO's "outreach" work even more remarkable.

And the other figure? "This was the challenge of my life," says the conductor Kurt Masur. "I was convinced that I would work at the Leipzig Gewandhaus until the end of my so-called career. Instead, I now have two great orchestras: New York and Leipzig."

Masur became music director of the NYPO in 1991. It should not have been a surprise appointment: in its 153-year history, the orchestra has displayed an almost masochistic penchant for stern European maestros, notably Mahler, Toscanini, Mitropoulos and Boulez. But the appointment did surprise many. Masur had hardly any reputation in America, and he was already over 60.

He did, however, have one thing going for him. In the political turmoil leading up to German reunification he had somehow transformed himself from being a staunch pillar of the communist establishment into a popular hero, throwing open the doors of the venerable Gewandhaus for political meetings, and supporting his 180-strong orchestra when, as one man, they tore up their party cards. That was a story which played extremely well in the American press. And it also fitted Masur's grand style of music-making: all big gestures, passion and profundity. The New York critics hailed a genuine musical heavyweight.

But what probably clinched the job for Masur was his iron discipline. The prospect of any orchestra taking him for a ride is about as likely as shrimps ganging up on a shark. For all his musical finesse, Masur exudes a kind of brute psychological strength. You don't want to cross him.

He puts it down to experience. "I have always learnt from orchestras," he says demurely. "From the English I learnt professionalism. From the Italians, impatience. From the Russians, eruptions. From the Germans, tradition."

So do orchestras like to be bossed around? "They like to be inspired!" Masur replies with a smile that would chill a volcano. "In New York they get sullen only if a conductor shows off or if he doesn't know what he wants. If he does know, there is no limit to their flexibility. They give me a Brahms Second Symphony so full of poetry that it is like being in Leipzig. Then Solti comes, and they give him the harshness of the typical American orchestra. If he wants it, that is."

Masur and Borda knew that their first task would be to tackle the "attitude" of the musicians, then restore the city's pride in its Philharmonic. "Zubin Mehta [Masur's predecessor] had done wonderful work collecting great players, but when I was here as guest conductor I felt that the orchestra got frustrated doing their duty and never being asked if they liked it or not. We had to find a new co-operation with the players, and then make the people of New York feel that this is their orchestra, and that it really wants to take care of their musical needs."

Masur established twice-yearly forums with the audience. "When I first suggested it, the orchestra trembled. They feared bad questions, insults, demonstrations. Nothing like that happened. People were pleased that we were trying to make things better."

Then he and Borda started to revolutionise the pattern of concerts. "The problems weren't Zubin's fault, but there was a long, long period without change. There were too few outstanding moments in every season. People were bored."

The new management inaugurated Rush Hour Concerts, designed to catch young professionals on their way home. Then came "casual concerts" ("bring your shopping bags") and a huge increase in educational work. "These things make a big city seem small," Masur says. Next he plans to pinch a great British innovation. "My idea for New York in the summer is to start Proms, like in London. There is no better audience in the world than the Proms audience. So enthusiastic, yet so educated."

Those who had Masur pigeonholed as an Austro-German traditionalist have also been surprised by the vigour with which he has promoted new American music, particularly the sort that crosses the classical/popular divide. "I have had my first encounter with the jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis," Masur says. "At first he didn't want to write anything for the Philharmonic, but now he has agreed. He's gone away to learn how to write a symphony. You can't ignore this crossover in America; you are confronted by it every day. It may be the way forward for American composition."

More controversial, perhaps, is Masur's determination to expand the NYPO's repertoire the other way: back to Bach, which he wants to wrest from the grip of period instruments. "I know as much about Bach as Nikolaus Harnoncourt does," Masur asserts. "So what if I use eight first violins rather than four? It's not a crime. We need to touch people with the spirit of the Bach Passions, and to touch them in a 3,000-seat hall is a different matter from touching them in a church."

Masur turns 70 next year. How long will he remain in New York? The Philharmonic's relationships with previous music directors have often ended in tears. But in Masur a tough orchestra may have met its match. Staying at the top of the musical pyramid in East Germany for 20 years may not seem like perfect training for survival in the unsubsidised cultural jungle of New York — but so it has proved. "I feel so refreshed by what's going on here that I am not talking about retirement," Masur says. "But I would go now if I felt the Philharmonic was not progressing. I'm not interested in standstill."

● *Kurt Masur and the NYPO play two BBC Proms at the Albert Hall, on August 20 and 21 (booking details 0171-589 8212)*

"We had to find a new co-operation with the Philharmonic players, and then make the people of New York feel that this is their orchestra," Kurt Masur says

DEGAS BEYOND IMPRESSIONISM: DAY ONE

Richard Cork begins his selection of highlights from the National Gallery's exhibition

Degas had known the subject of this grand yet haunting portrait — *Hélène Rouart in her father's study* — since her babyhood. His friendship with her father, the wealthy industrialist Henri Rouart, began during their schooldays in Paris.

As well as making a fortune by inventing an ice-making machine, Rouart was a discerning collector. Hence the pictures, statues and embroidery surrounding Hélène as she stands behind one of the family chairs.

The daughter rests her pale, elegant hands on its sturdy wooden back with affection. She is clearly accustomed to being in her father's study, and may well relish the company of the works of art he has accumulated.

But the sadness in her blanched face is unmistakable. She seems downcast, and the conspicuous emptiness of the chair reinforces her sense of isolation. Hélène's mother died in 1886, the year when Degas probably began this portrait. The family's bereavement must have affected the mood of the painting, for the vulnerable Hélène looks strangely oppressed.

This is a portrait of a young woman whose love for her parents seems to be countered by a feeling of claustrophobia. She appears to be hemmed in by Rouart's possessions, and her gaze is directed at the Egyptian funerary statuettes standing on his desk. Marooned in their glass cases, these mournful figures mirror Hélène's own sense of confinement and loss.

● Degas: Beyond Impressionism *opens at the National Gallery today and continues until Aug 26 (tickets from First Call, 0171-420 0000)*

● **Tomorrow, Richard Cork discusses *Dancer with bouquets* (c. 1890-95)**

"A sense of confinement and loss": *Hélène Rouart in her father's study* (c.1886-95). National Gallery

OPERA: Flawed Mozart stagings from Opera North and Glyndebourne

Plot is buried in the garden . . .

The Marriage of Figaro
Palace, Manchester

SO LONG as it stays within the walls of the Almavivas' castle, Caroline Gawn's *Figaro* for Opera North spins along with verve. Her Mozart is good-humoured, drawing plenty of laughs in Amanda Holden's translation, crisp but never coarse. Her cast is fleet-footed and sharply drawn right down to the minor roles.

But once into the garden of Act IV Gawn loses the plot. Alice Purcell, whose sets had so far been just about serviceable, offers little more than some cheap cut-out trees. This is no place for mistaken identities in the dark, let alone forgiveness at midnight.

On opening night there was an additional problem. At half-time Clive Bayley, the Figaro, was announced as having a bronchial infection and only just made it to the end. William Dazeley's Count, dark in looks and timbre, commanded the stage, using angry bluster to keep the lid on the pot of rebellious employees seething beneath him.

Linda Kitchen's Susanna, vivacious and capricious, was likely to be a handful for any man, master or servant. Janis Kelly, the Countess, handled both her arias with great musicianship. She made it clear that, once over her melancholy, there was plenty of fight left in Rosina. Alice Coote's coltish Cherubino frisked around all the women on stage. Marcellina (Angela Hickey) always excepted. The voice needs to soften a bit, but plenty of promise is there. Andrew Shore, that master of disguise, turned Bartolo into a vengeful, bald-pated Kojak. And there was a notably sympathetic Antonio from Bruce Budd. Richard Farnes conducted briskly.

JOHN HIGGINS

. . . and lost at sea

Cosi fan tutte
Glyndebourne

AFTER the heavenly flights of *Theodora*, down to earth with a bump. Trevor Nunn's "Dames at Sea" version of *Cosi fan tutte*, first seen five years ago and all-too-faithfully revived by Michael McCarthy, does not wear well. The piece is all artifice, and Nunn's attempt, via Maria Bjornson's ingenious shipboard decor, to set it in a naturalistic framework raises far more problems than it solves.

And the perceptible whiff of misogyny will not go away. Fiordiligi and Dorabella are played as a couple of feather-brained good-time girls, delicious admittedly, but are their activities really interesting enough to detain us in a theatre for three hours? This must be the most trivial, cynical, unrewarding reading of the work in recent experience.

But even that wasn't the main problem on Monday. Franz Welser-Möst's conducting was genuinely, deeply mystifying, and not just because the standard of ensemble was way below normal Glyndebourne standards. The London Philharmonic could play this score gracefully in their sleep, and Welser-Möst must have worked hard and long to elicit such blunt phrasing, dogged rhythms and wooden articulation from them. There was scarcely a musical smile all evening.

The poor singers had to bear alone the responsibility of conveying at least some of the work's content to the audience. Susan Graham (Dorabella) and Simon Keenlyside (Guglielmo) did best, the former bubbling over with *joie de vivre*, the latter managing to suggest that something was happening inside his head, and his baritone grows juicier by the month. John Mark Ainsley sounded out of sorts as Ferrando, and was not helped by lack of support from the pit: Lillian Watson's classic Despina is kept under wraps in Nunn's "black" reading; Jake Gardner suggested Don Alfonso-as-philosopher with slow delivery of the recitatives, and Don Alfonso-as-Mercury went missing.

But the Glyndebourne debut of the Norwegian Solveig Kringelborn (Fiordiligi) was an occasion for great rejoicing. She is a sort of syllabub soprano: the basic sound is thick cream, but with plenty of zest of lemon to make it individual. It's a big voice, with meaty low notes and fluent ease in coloratura. She's a lovely artist, and I trust return engagements will come thick and fast.

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■ CHOICE 1

A London showing for David Bintley's dance version of Thomas Hardy

VENUE: Tonight at the Royal Opera House

■ CHOICE 2

Liza Goddard heads the cast in a new staging of *Mansfield Park*

VENUE: Tonight at the Chichester Festival Theatre

THE TIMES ARTS

■ THEATRE 1

A.R. Gurney's new *Sylvia* is a piece of fluffy nonsense, even with Zoë Wanamaker doing her best as a dog

■ THEATRE 2

Sarah Kane piles on the atrocities in *Phaedra's Love*, her contemporary take on the myth of King Theseus's wife

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

DEGAS: Two exhibitions open today. In the Sainsbury Wing, *Degas: Beyond Impressionism* is devoted to the late, innovatory work of the artist, including oils, pastels and sculptures, on loan from public and private collections around the world. Over in the Sunley Room, *Degas as a Collector* brings together examples of the artist's vast collection, which features paintings, prints and drawings, including works by Ingres, Manet, Delacroix and Gauguin.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN (0171-839 3321). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, (Weds to 8pm) Sun midday-6pm. Until August 26. Tickets from First Call (0171-420 0000 — booking fee)

A NOVEL BALLET: Birmingham Royal Ballet's spring season at Covent Garden continues with **Far from the Madding Crowd**. Based on Thomas Hardy's tragic love story, the production is choreographed by the company's artistic director David Bintley.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight, 7.30pm; Saturday, 2pm 7pm.

SOLOMON: The Festival Hall (7.30pm) is the venue for a performance of Handel's rousing oratorio. Sir David Willcocks leads the Bach Choir and English Chamber Orchestra, with Charles Brett in the title role, sopranos *Judith Howarth and Rita Cullis, and* John Mark Ainsley. Also at 7.30pm, the Purcell Room presents **Polish Plus**, an evening of music and dance-influenced works from Górale to Gorecki, performed by the musicians and dancers of Gewont Polish folk band. Adding a Spanish twist to the evening is the choreographer and dancer La Ribot performing two new works.
South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242).

ELSEWHERE

CHICHESTER: Tony Britton and Liza Goddard play Sir Thomas and Lady Bertram, and Lucy Scott plays poor Fanny Price who has such a hard time in Jane Austen's **Mansfield Park**. Adapted by Willis Hall and directed by Michael Rudman.
Festival, Oaklands Park (01243 781312). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens June 4, 7.30pm

GLASGOW: Scottish Opera continues its residency at the Theatre Royal with two performances of Verdi's *magnificent* opera **La traviata**. Claire Rutter sings the consumptive Violetta and Richard Coxon is her lover, Alfredo. Directed by Peter Watson, with designs by Ezio Frigerio and Franca Squarciapino. Richard Armstrong conducts. Sung in Italian with English surtitles.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (0141-332 9000). Tonight and Saturday, 7.15pm.

READING: John Williams and Timothy Kain perform a selection of guitar duets from around the world, on the last stop of their national recital tour.
The Hexagon, Queen's Walk (01734 591 591). Tonight, 7.30pm.

STRATFORD UPON AVON: Teresa Banham plays Shakespeare's married daughter Susanna, accused of a sexual liaison with neighbour Rafe (Joseph Fiennes). Michael Attenborough directs Peter Whelan's **The Herbal Bed**.
The Other Place, Southern Lane (01789-295 623). Opens tonight, 7pm

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Eve Arnold; Derek Jarman (0171-638 4141) ... **Courtauld**: Drawings by Thomas Gainsborough (0171-873 2526) ... **Llewellyn Alexander**: Godfrey Tonks (0171-620 1322) ... **Mall Galleries**: Royal Society of Portrait Painters (0171-930 6844) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: David Livingstone and the Victorian Encounter with Africa (0171-306 0055) **Royal Academy**: Gustave Caillebotte (0171-439 7438) **Tate**: New Displays (0171-887 8000) **V & A**: William Morris (0171-938 8500) . **Whitechapel**: Renato Guttuso (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **CHAPTER TWO**: Tom Conti and Sharon Gless play unattached New Yorkers whirling towards each other in Neil Simon's comedy. Not his best.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm.

☐ **DEFINITELY DORIS**: Revue-style musical celebrating the life and songs of Miss Day. *Cast of five. High sugar content.*
King's Head, 119 Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. Until May 26

☐ **THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**: Samantha Bond, Michael Sheen and Tom Mannion in David Lan's puzzler, set in the Balkans and to do with sacrifice, freedom and the like.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Mon, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm, in rep

☐ **GOOD BONES**: Nick Cohen's adaptation of the Margaret Atwood novel, combining Adam and Eve figures, genesis, sex and cooking.
Southwark Playhouse, Southwark Bridge Rd, SE1 (0171-620 3494). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until June 1.

☐ **JULIUS CAESAR**: Christopher Benjamin plays the colossus, with John Nettles and Julian Glover (Brutus and Cassius) in Peter Hall's production from last year's Stratford.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm; mat Wed, 2pm. In rep.

☐ **MIND MILLIE FOR ME**: Felicity Kendal plays the cocotte in Peter Hall's production of Feydeau that goes for the pain in the story.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm

☐ **PASSION**: An unconvincing musical from Sondheim, but Maria Friedman remarkably good as a voracious man-hunter who gets her man. With Michael Ball.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5590). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **PORTIA COUGHLAN**: Derbhle Crotty in the title role of Marina Carr's play where the loss of a drowned twin brother is set against the ordinariness of small-town Ireland.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Sat 3.30pm. Until June 1

☐ **RESURRECTION**: Paines Plough's production of Maureen Lawrence's intriguing but gradually disappointing play about Dr Johnson and his black servant, Francis Barber.
Bush, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat 8pm.

■ **SOME SUNNY DAY**: Martin Sherman's stimulating new play, set in Cairo in 1942 where the Brits are reduced to stiff-lipped panic, wife-murder and other courses appropriate to changing one's life. Splendid cast.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until June 1

☐ **TOMMY**: Impressive staging of the traumatised child's apotheosis to pinball wizard. Loads of electronic tricks.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Communicating Doors**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) ... ☐ **Funny Money**: Playhouse (0171-839 4401) ☐ **Jolson**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . ☐ **Mack and Mabel**: Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) .. ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) ■ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) .. ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BLUE IN THE FACE (15): Stories and jokes about Brooklyn life. Indulgent companion piece to *Smoke*, with Harvey Keitel, Roseanne, and many cameos. Director, Wayne Wang.
Plaza (0171-437 1234) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **KIDS** (18): Unedifying portrait of kids running wild in Manhattan. A first feature by still-photographer Larry Clark; the cast is non-professional.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on the Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **MONEY TRAIN** (18): Nasty antics in New York's subway system, with Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson. Director, Joseph Ruben.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

ROUGH MAGIC (12): Magician's assistant Bridget Fonda finds true magic in Mexico. Engaging oddity from director Clare Peploe.
Odeons: Haymarket (01426-915 353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

CURRENT

◆ **CITY HALL** (15): Something's rotten in the city of New York, even with Al Pacino as Mayor. Watchable drama with John Cusack, Bridget Fonda and Danny Aiello. Director, Harold Becker.
Odeon Mezzanine (01426 915683)

◆ **DEAD MAN WALKING** (15): Oscar winner Susan Sarandon visits Sean Penn on Death Row. Powerful, carefully balanced drama about capital punishment. Director, Tim Robbins.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MIGHTY APHRODITE** (15): Woody Allen searches for his adopted son's natural mother. Engaging variation on old themes, with Mira Sorvino.
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **SENSE AND SENSIBILITY** (U): Emma Thompson's radiant adaptation of Jane Austen's early novel, with Thompson and Kate Winslet as sisters with different approaches to romance.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **SMOKE** (15): Criss-crossing lives in Brooklyn. Agreeable, talky piece written by Paul Auster, with Harvey Keitel and William Hurt. Director, Wayne Wang.
Lumiere (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

◆ **SUDDEN DEATH** (18): Clichés galore with Jean-Claude Van Damme as a fireman fighting an extortionist gang. Director, Peter Hyams.
Empire (0171-437 1234)

◆ **THINGS TO DO IN DENVER WHEN YOU'RE DEAD** (18): Hip and humane crime drama from new director Gary Fleder. With Andy Garcia.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **TWELVE MONKEYS** (15): Unwieldy extravaganza from Terry Gilliam, with Bruce Willis as the time-traveller seeking the source of a virus.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

WHITE SQUALL (12): Jeff Bridges's school ship battles the elements. *Waterlogged drama with a splendid storm.* Director, Ridley Scott.
Odeons Kensington (01426-914 666) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

THEATRE: A West End bow for A.R. Gurney's latest; plus, strong stuff from Sarah Kane

Two legs bad, four legs too cute

Sylvia
Apollo

Lovers of dogs are likely to love this play. Those who merely like the wretched creatures could well like it. Those who are indifferent might be persuaded to take a look because Zoë Wanamaker plays the dog, while those of us who consider that dogs and their owners should all be marooned on Spitzbergen may decide that the wisest course is to stay away.

Watching humans playing animals is an activity generally restricted to winter, when the costumes for Nana, King Rat and the pantomime horse are brought out of the basket and given their annual eight weeks in the spotlight. This being so, I have to admit that the American playwright A.R. Gurney has conceived something unusual in writing the character of his Central Park stray for an actress. Against this achievement, of course, lies the fact that he cheats most dreadfully in allowing the dog to converse with her new master and be understood. The man's distinctly unenthusiastic wife can also exchange unpleasantries with Sylvia — the name (had you guessed?) of the dog — who behaves in almost all respects like a permissible live-in mistress who just happens not to be allowed to sit on the furniture.

Greg (Robin Ellis, playing a person though looking doggy) is a Wall Street trader having a rough time with his boss. When he goes wandering moodily in the park one afternoon, a shock-haired dog walks into his life and from that moment on, there is no way they will be parted. "I may puke, Greg," says wife Kate (Maria Aitken) — and those are my sentiments when obliged to watch this fudge-spined man ignoring work, friends and the feelings of his spouse in order to connect, as he puts it, with something real.

Gurney puts forward the notion that Greg is menopausal. The children, number unknown, have left home for college and seemingly never visit their parents, for we learn nothing more about them. Greg and Kate, who teaches Eng Lit, have moved back to the city but, while she is briskly moving forward into a new life, he is subsiding into nothing in particular. Sylvia gives him something to live for. Hooray.

The human characters are woefully two-dimensional, bereft of any past, only faintly concerned with any present other than what bears upon their relationship with the dog. True, the play was probably never intended as more than a *jeu d'esprit*, a piece of fluffy nonsense floating on the premise that an actress should play a pet. And while I enjoyed Aitken's way with throwaway dismay, the production's only significant purpose is, indeed, to show how cunningly Wanamaker acts canine.

She has a chin-out gesture of the head which is realistically that of a dog longing to rest its dribbling dewlap on a human knee. Her sideways twitch, quick trot, steady gaze sliding away as attention wanders, all are observed and executed neatly. But of course, cuteness smothers everything because Gurney makes her give human female comments on canine female instincts.

Michael Blakemore directs this silliness with understanding of how a dog would behave if it looked like Zoë Wanamaker and was able to quote Homer.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Canine caper: Maria Aitken, Zoë Wanamaker and Robin Ellis, an eternal triangle with three sides and eight legs

Bloodbath at the court of copulation

Phaedra's Love
Gate, W11

The young playwright Sarah "Blasted" Kane had some critics' eyes out on stalks when her aggressive first play hit the Royal Court last year. As the outrages were totted up — masturbation, micturation and many more — *Blasted* generated the biggest theatrical stir since *The Romans in Britain*.

Now Kane kicks off the Gate's season — called *New Plays, Ancient Sources* — with a production of *Phaedra's Love*, her contemporary take on the myth of King Theseus's wife and her taboo-breaking passion for her stepson Hippolytus. The tale has been reworked through the centuries by Euripides, Seneca and Racine. More recently there was a version by Silviu Purcarete and before that, one by Tony Harrison, who set *Phaedra Britannica* in colonial India.

Kane makes radical changes. She locates the action here and now, or perhaps in the near future. Her imaginary British royal family *is* at an all-time moral low. Seneca's creeping aristocratic decadence has become chronic. Cas Harkins's Hippolytus is a far cry from Euripides's fiercely virginal, Diana-worshipping hunter.

This prince, in a far worse state than the British heir in Peter Whelan's *Divine Right*, is an unwashed layabout. Hopelessly depressed and bitterly disillusioned by a past girlfriend, he stares at the news on TV, stuffs himself, has sex with anybody willing. He is godless, wrecking the monarchy's reputation: a man on self-destruct, looking for thrills.

He knows very well that he is desired by his stepmother, a psychologically messed-up queen, addictively obsessed and exploited. There is no shocking confession and vehement rejection, just a coldly casual conversation and quick gratification.

The adolescent's stringency remains in his brutal honesty. After Phaedra's suicide and accusation of rape, he willingly embraces punishment.

Kane's version of the story is liberally splashed with the F-word but, for her, relatively constrained with only two oral sex scenes in an hour. But then our royals meet their collective end in an extravaganza of grisliness: mobbed, raped, castrated, skewered, slashing their own throats.

This is not totally gratuitous. Euripides's play, besides its modern universal bleakness, was an antique forerunner of video nasties. The messenger would go into graphic detail relating the Prince's chariot crash, attacked by a monstrous bull, entangled in reins, smashed against rocks.

Kane tries a no-bull approach. Speech is terse, truncated. Violence does not reach us by word of mouth. It is in our faces, almost literally as the cast thwack between clumps of seats.

The trouble is that the lashings of stage violence are not really shocking, just hard to believe. From where I was sitting, the most appalling aspect of this show was the inattention to sightlines. Phaedra might as well have gone down on Hippolytus in the wings.

Harkins charges up a hard role. Catherine Cusack is a strong, irate half-sister. The extras are weak. Philippa Williams's Phaedra lacks inner torments.

That said, Kane can be sharp when dealing with today's domestic squalor and despair. She is also witty. She surely slips her tongue in her cheek when the expected atrocities pile in at the very end. The masochistic Hippolytus, having said farewell to his genitals, dryly breathes his last. "If only," he says, "there could have been more moments like this."

KATE BASSETT

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Subtlety back in the pink

BECAUSE Canterbury-born saxophonist-clarinettist Tony Coe was the first non-American to win the jazz world's most prestigious prize, the Jazzpar award, in 1995, his current UK tour has an air of a lap of honour about it.

The stated purpose of the $35,000 Danish prize is to feed the creativity of an internationally known, fully active, but under-recognised jazz figure (a description which might have been specifically formulated for Coe); the richness, depth and sheer sophistication of this performance with pianist John Horler and bassist Malcolm Creese more than vindicated the prize committee's aim.

Many saxophonists would have used the trio's opener, the familiar Ellington classic *Do Nothing Till You Hear from Me* as a gentle warm-up number. Coe's first tenor solo, by contrast, contained all the hallmarks of his mature style: the rhapsodic elegance, the deceptively adventurous rhythmic and harmonic subtlety, the bruised, breathy lyricism hardening to a passionate eloquence. The subsequent clarinet feature, too, dedicated to an erstwhile employer, Edmundo Ros, demonstrated why Coe is generally held to be one of the instrument's finest jazz practitioners. To a vigorously jaunty theme, Coe brought all the buoyancy and grace associated with pioneers of the instrument such as Johnny Dodds and Sidney Bechet, but contrived to overlay it with an almost brooding intensity courtesy of the harmonic complexities of a much later jazz age.

Such an ability to assimilate a wide variety of apparently incompatible stylistic elements into an instantly recognisable personal sound is entirely characteristic of Coe: his career includes a five-year stint with the archetypal UK mainstream band led by Humphrey Lyttelton, but also embraces gigs with the doyen of free improvisers, guitarist Derek Bailey, as well as collaborations with the European art music chamber group Matrix formed by fellow clarinettist Alan Hacker.

Moving from producing what he himself described as "yet another footnote to the Coleman Hawkins version" of *Body and Soul* through an absorbingly multitextured soprano rendition of Ellington's *Blue Rose* to a tenor-led tango, and finishing with a teasing original blues, is thus all in a night's work for Coe. By the time he had been cheered back to the stage for a delightful encore (Francy Boland's *November Girl*) it was even possible to imagine that he might one day be as celebrated for performances like these as for providing the saxophone playing in the *Pink Panther* films.

CHRIS PARKER

Tony Coe
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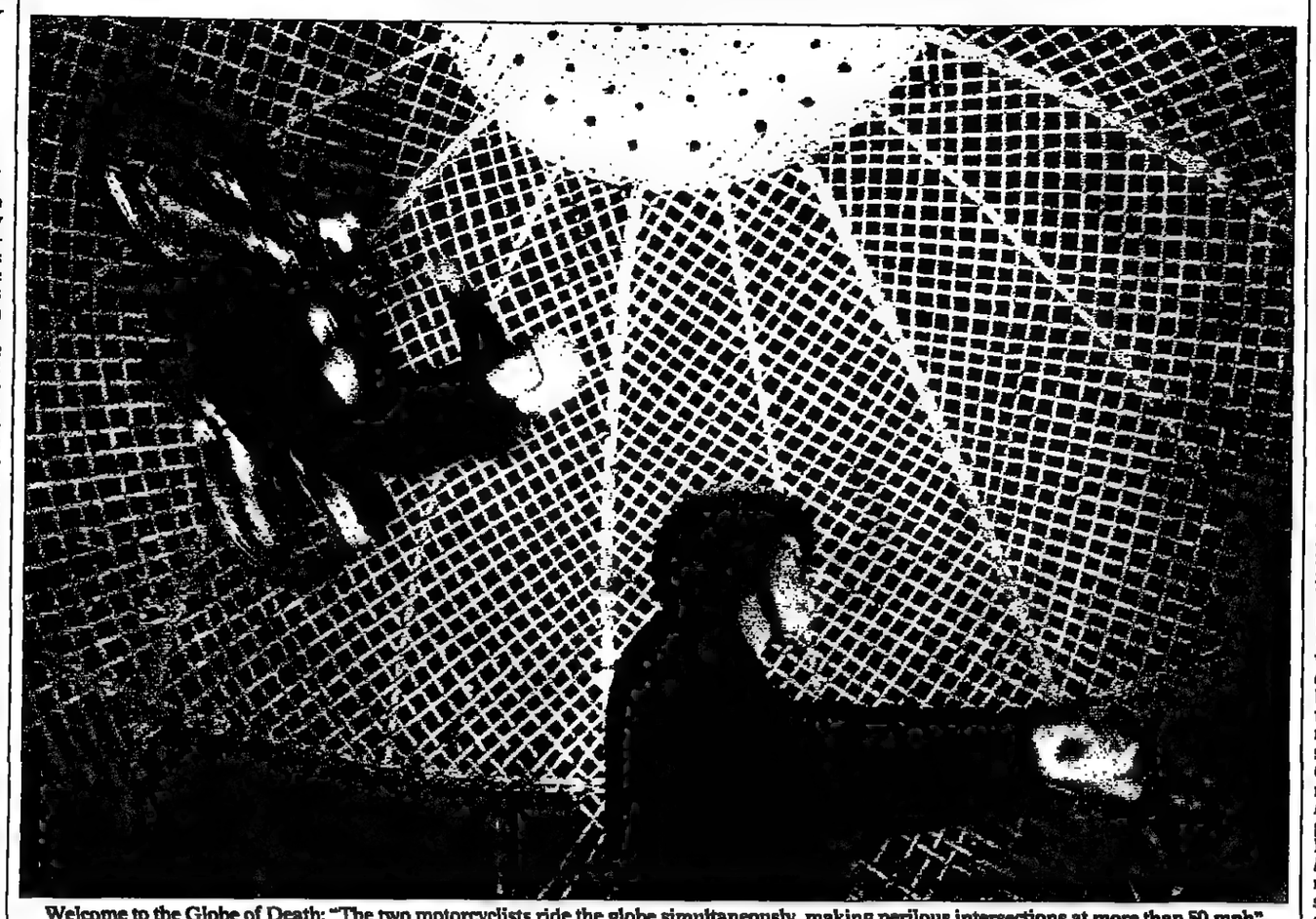
Archaos, the company that lit a rocket under circus, is back. **Andy Lavender** reports



Welcome to the Globe of Death: "The two motorcyclists ride the globe simultaneously, making perilous intersections at more than 50 mph"

Re-entry of the gladiators

You might remember Archaos. When the French circus company first came to Britain in 1988, the publicity played up the more brazen innovations — the motorbikes, chainsaws and exploding cars. Behind these, however, was a time-honoured objective: to delight the public with acts of outrageous skill and daring. Over the next few years municipal authorities from Bristol to Edinburgh fretted over the company's apparent transgressions against taste and public safety. Archaos, meanwhile, continued to redefine modern circus for adoring audiences across the world.

Success can be heady. Archaos quickly incorporated a big-top firm, a transportation business and a video production outfit, and had two shows touring simultaneously. When, in 1991, the empire collapsed, it seemed almost inevitable. Archaos was always destined to be a glorious, transient French folly.

Except that Pierrot Pillot Bidon, the company's artistic director, and his accomplice Guy Carrara have returned to the great adventure. Their new *Game Over* opens in London today. It represents a more sophisticated Archaos, and therefore another stage in the evolution of circus. The big difference — one which addresses the Achilles' heel of circus-style shows — is that a coherent concept runs through the entire production.

Carrara explains that he and Bidon hardly watched television for nearly a decade. In 1991 they were able to slump back into the armchair. "We look at TV, and we see the evolution of TV," Carrara says. He recalls his surprise and distaste at the extent to which "journal-TV", as he calls it, had trespassed into real life. "The US Marines in Somalia, with the camera on the beach — crazy. And I see the hypnotic relation between people and TV. They don't go out, and they see all the world through the little TV."

An idea for a show emerged when the duo visited an amusement arcade filled with young people in thrall to the many video screens. "We see 'Game Over!', 'Game Over!', 'Game Over!'. "So I say to Pierrot, 'OK, journal-TV is just like a video game'. And we have a new concept."

They also had a new approach, "scripting" the show carefully in advance and developing it over a couple of years. Directed by Carrara, *Game Over* opened in Marseilles last autumn. In Paris recently it had rough edges after an eight-month interlude, but it should be more polished on its arrival in London. It begins with a group of people sleeping on bits of cardboard on the stage. They are cleared by truncheon-wielding police and piled into the back of a lorry. The patrol perhaps works for the insidiously powerful "Infinite TV". Everything which follows is a part of the output of this futuristic broadcaster.

A cheerfully bland TV presenter, one Alex Taylor, looms large on the huge screen at the back of the stage to inform viewers of the time (it is always 15.38) and introduce the next segment of programming, which is then played out through film inserts, video effects and live performance. In some instances the captive performers are goaded into action by the TV crew, which then relays their exploits on video monitors. The action is driven along by a pulsating dance-music soundtrack by Lefdup and Lefdup, underscoring the show's club-culture ambience.

Amid the exhaust fumes and flame-throwers, Archaos was renowned for the skills of its performers. This show maintains the tradition. In a beautifully serene routine, five aerial acrobats twist themselves in huge strands of white material hanging from the grid. Former members of the French Olympic trampoline team perform a dazzling basketball routine. And, for those nostalgic for the whiff of gasoline, the show's climax is provided by its Globe of Death riders.

This remarkable act comes after Taylor breezily announces "War News". A square opens in the backdrop. A large globe, made of latticed metalwork, is wheeled forward. It contains two motorbikes. One by one they traverse the inside of their cage, first swinging around in a horizontal circle, then crossing vertically. Both bikes then ride the globe simultaneously, making perilous intersections at more than 50 mph.

Inspecting the globe in the cold light of the next morning, this act seems even more foolhardy. The structure itself is a network of rusty slats with missing screws and the odd loose strut. Only a madman would ride a bike around it, let alone allow anyone else in there with him. The Varanne brothers, Philippe and Gerard, are those madmen.

The Globe of Death is an established daredevil act which, in the past, has sadly lived up to its billing. Its macho nature is indicated in the fact that Hitler was fond of it. The brothers have a second globe which, they say, featured in the Nuremberg rallies.

This is a dangerous business, then, but more to the point is the way in which Carrara has integrated a "traditional" act into a larger sequence, where the planet's modern demons impel its destruction. Admittedly, the symbolism hits overdrive and the concept unravels a little by the end, but this is still an astonishing piece of circus-theatre, contemporary in its themes and ambitious in its execution. Amid the high-tech pizzazz there is still a concentration on the special skills of the human performer.

Apparently the French Government subsidised *Game Over* to the tune of £200,000, nearly half the production's cost. It seems a snip for such a fresh and spirited show.

● Game Over *is at the Brixton Academy, 211 Stockwell Road, London SW9 (0171 924 9999) until June 2*

The old man still on his toes

DANCE: **Nadine Meisner** on the highlights of a lively Paris season

At 72, Roland Petit is a French cultural monument, a grand old man of French ballet, the refined counterpart of Maurice Béjart. He started as a rebel, fleeing the academic confines of the Paris Opera Ballet to transform the French ballet of the 1940s and 1950s into a uniquely vibrant creative era, not repeated since.

For 24 years now he has been choreographer and director of the Ballet National de Marseilles. His energy continues prolifically and if his early work remains his best, he still punctuates his choreographic production line with interesting pieces.

One such piece is reportedly *Camera Obscura*, created in 1994 for the Paris Opera Ballet which regularly presents his choreography, all old quarrels buried. So it came as a blow that injury cancelled its performance on the night I arrived to see the company at the Palais Garnier. The replacement, Jerome Robbins's *A Suite of Dances*, scuppered the programme's all-Petit intentions. But anything by Robbins *vaut le voyage*; while the two remaining Petit ballets gave a satisfying picture of the choreographer past and present.

Le Loup (The Wolf) is a classic from 1953, a perfect Diaghilevian synthesis of design, music and movement. The playwright Jean Anouilh devised the fantastical and cruel scenario that shows that titular Wolf to be more morally superior to men; Henri Dutilleux composed the commissioned score, full of theatre and big cushiony brass: Carzou painted the evocative forest setting where a young girl is tricked into marrying a wolf. Kader Belarbi and Monique Loudières achieved emotional clarity and poignancy in the roles originally danced by Petit and the then 17-year-old Violette Verdy. Loudières, though, is edging towards 40 and looked rather beyond youthful innocence.

Petit has always had an affinity for sombre narratives, but he has intermittently ventured into more abstract terrain, as with *Rythme de valses*, also made for the Paris Opera in 1994, and set to Johann Strauss the Younger waltzes in arrangements by Alban Berg, Arnold Schoenberg and Anton Webern. Delphine Moussin and Yann Bridard, one of three superlative couples, limpedly etched the choreography's vivid contours.

The American William Forsythe is another who plays with the code of ballet, and the series of pieces that comprise his new *Six Counter Points* evening could be viewed as a history of ballet's evolution. Brought as part of Forsythe's Frankfurt Ballet season at the Paris Châtelet, *Six Counter Points* elucidates the different components of dance — the solos, the duets, the group patterns. It also seems to demonstrate the development of orchestrated movement, from the agonised attempts of Jone San Martin and Ion Garnika to control their spasmic limbs in *The The* to the typically fluent Forsythian duets of *Approximate Sonata*, which forms the first half of *Two Ballets in the Manner of the Late 20th Century*.

The second half and final piece of the programme, *The Vertiginous Thrill of Exactitude*, is a Balanchinian display, so straightforwardly classical that it has you wondering whether it is parody. But that is Forsythe: puzzling, exhilarating, infuriating, audaciously inventive, he never ceases to surprise.

The vivid contours of Roland Petit's *Rythme de valses*, which he made for the Paris Opera in 1994

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Professional Secretaries' Day, last month, was organised by the Institute of Qualified Private Secretaries (IQPS), which dedicated a week — with the title Tide of Change — to celebrating the work of the secretary.

The institute says it is time for secretaries to make more of themselves and their job, to learn about their company, ask questions about the business, have the confidence to put forward their own ideas and build themselves a recognised role.

This, the Industrial Society (IS) agrees, is what bosses want. A new survey by the society on how managers assess their secretaries, shows that it is not the secretaries' skills that are at fault: it is their attitude — lack of initiative, fear of change and too little commitment.

The secretarial job, and its future, is the most debated of all office functions. So when Marjory Mair, management adviser on secretarial development for the IS, spoke at a recent IQPS seminar in London, she chose the appropriate, if provocative title, The Future of the Secretary — Dead or Alive?

Drawing on the survey, Ms Mair showed how managers see their secretaries' skill levels, the contribution they make to the organisation and their attitudes. Most are satisfied with secretaries' skills at the moment but many consider that they lack the skills needed for the future.

There was also strong dissatisfaction with the effectiveness of the contribution made by secretaries, especially their "inability or unwillingness" to be flexible and meet change, to take responsibility or to show initiative. Some are seen as lacking commitment and understanding of the business.

"They want more responsibility, but when the opportunity is given, they don't take it. Lack of self-confidence and fear of change are factors in stopping them trying new things," was one manager's comment in the IS report.

Other managerial comments included the observation that "most fail to move from the traditional secretarial role to that of a more administrative or PA type," and: "They need to make suggestions, be pro-active rather than reactive, use their initiative and put their knowledge to greater use." Bosses speak of "too much complacency", "a slightly inflexible, 'not my job' approach", the fact that secretaries "lack the confidence to cope with change and the flexibility to undertake new methods", and are "not contributing to the business or looking wider than the role".

Ms Mair listed the skills, knowledge and personal attributes that, according to their managers, secretaries need in order to handle change: information technology, productivity and initiative, verbal communication, business awareness, flexibility, organisational and management skills, the ability to work independently and autonomously.

Some of these conflict with the secretary's traditional role: the need not only for high-level technical expertise but also for creating and managing databases and coping with new developments, the ability to handle difficult customers and to spot things that could improve efficiency within the organisation.

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One manager summed it up by saying: "More innovation, creativity, contribution to the business, challenging the status quo." Another said: "What secretaries need is business knowledge, the ability to be proactive, greater decision-making and managing their bosses."

A number believe the blame lies less with secretaries than with the organisation and managers. They recognise that restructuring has added to the secretary's workload, either overall or in specific areas, her responsibilities have increased and little training is provided for support staff (today's secretarial function is reflected in a vast range of job titles).

Ms Mair, who began her secretarial training at 15½ and is now an IQPS member and working for an Open University degree, told the education and training seminar that the secretarial role, though not dying, is subject to "inevitable, sometimes dramatic, change".

She illustrated the main training needs identified by managers for their secretaries: information technology (again); verbal (including phone) communication; time management; confidence and assertiveness; written communication; management and administration.

She then enlarged on some of these: managing time should enable secretaries to manage their own and their boss's time; business awareness should make them conscious of the needs of customers, they should be ready to build relationships with clients' secretaries, be less task focused and more aware of outcomes, such as "this project is worth £20,000" rather than just "I'm typing this letter".

"The secretaries' role *is* alive," Ms Mair said, "but they need to change their attitude, learn fresh skills, believe in themselves and behave in a less subordinate manner. They should see themselves as their own business and train themselves. Ask questions about the business and get involved in it. Have the confidence to speak up," she added, "and see yourself as someone worthwhile."

The need for skills ran like a thread through the titles of the seminar: vocational education; secretarial awards for the new millennium, by Jean Newland, of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry; core skills and National Vocational Qualifications.

Sara Coldicott, of the Royal Society of Arts, described the society's Diploma in Administrative and Secretarial Procedures, now being piloted. It was created in response to criticism of NVQ Level 3, which it complements, and will be nationally launched this autumn. She also discussed three new specialist options — legal, financial, and PA studies — that secretaries can take at evening classes.

● *Institute of Qualified Private Secretaries (0115 973 3235): Secretaries ... Onwards and Upwards? The Future Role of the Secretary, by the Industrial Society and Secretarial Development Network, £30 from the Industrial Society, Robert Hyde House, 48 Bryanston Square, London W1H 7LN (0171-262 2401).*

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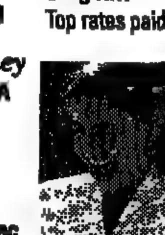

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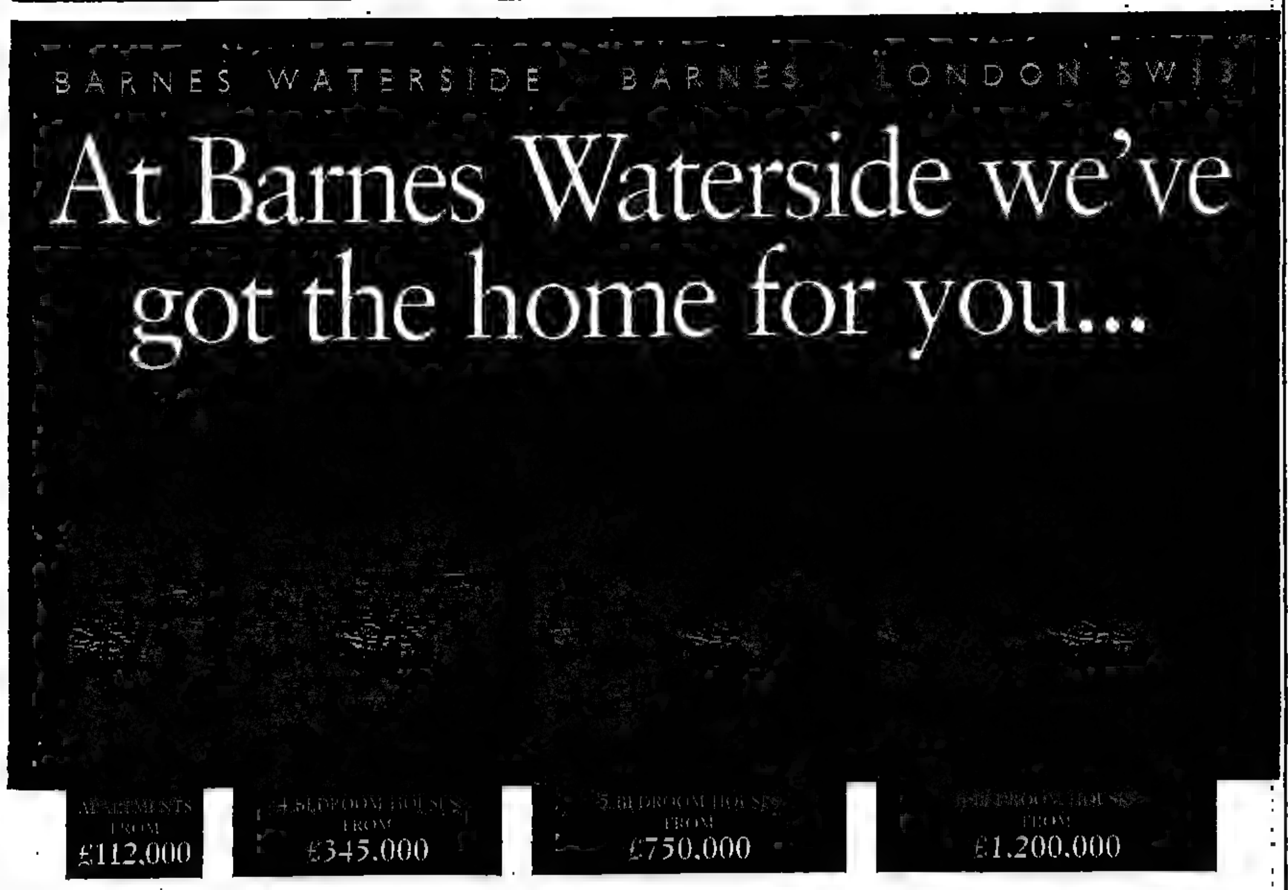

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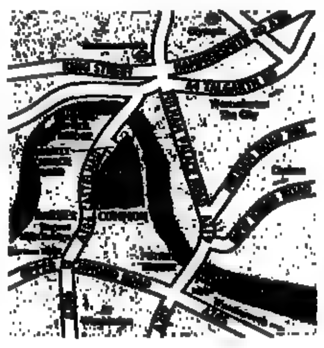

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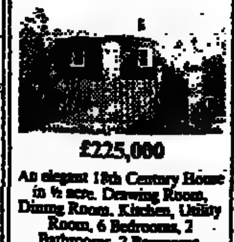

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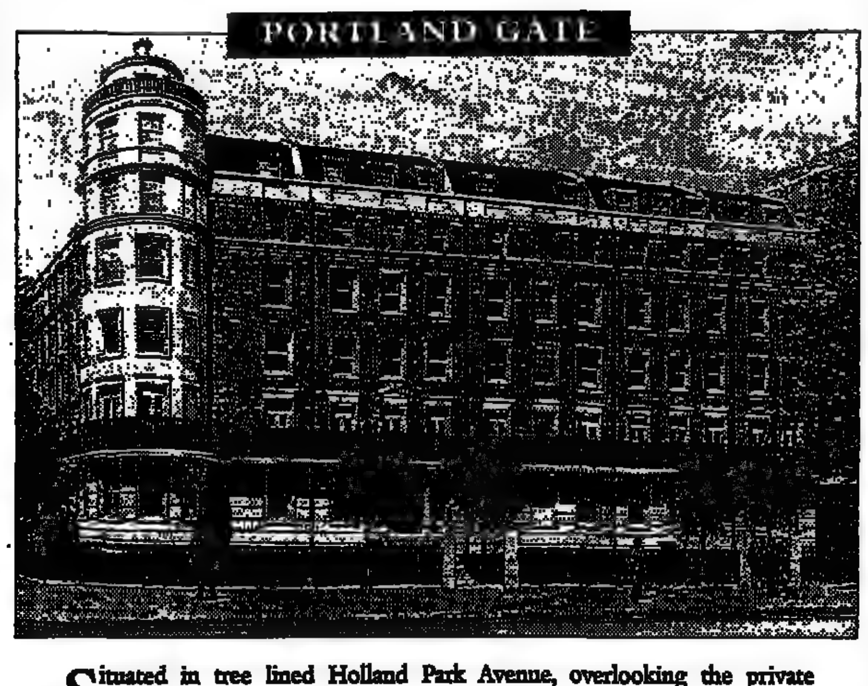

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The White City retail site will be bigger than Brent Cross, in north London. Building costs alone are expected to top £200 million. When completed before the end of the century, the site is estimated by BZW to be worth about £500 million. It is one of the biggest single developments in Britain, on a scale that was thought possible only for edge-of-town shopping.

There will be 625,000sq ft of retail space and parking for 5,000 cars just a few minutes from the West End, via the Westway, and little more than ten minutes from High Street Kensington. The first store will be a 77,000sq ft Sainsbury's.

Local estate agents are delighted with what promises to be a revolution in west London. They see the shopping centre as part of a revitalisation of the area that will further bolster local house prices in Bayswater, North Kensington, Hammersmith, Notting Hill and Chiswick, although some residents worry about the extra traffic.

"There are encouraging signs that west London is smartening up," says Hilary Wade, from the largest London agents, Winkworth. "The smarter bits of Notting Hill and Holland Park have always been much in demand. But demand has spread."

Buying agents agree. Willie Gething, from the firm Property Vision, says the area will prove an interesting one for residential investment, but cautions that it will take years before the full effect of the shopping centre is felt. "It has to be seen to be successful," he says.

Tim Wright, from Savills, says: "In the past five to seven years, the whole of Holland Park, Kensington, and the southerly and western areas of Notting Hill have come to be considered prime areas of central London. Average values of property have grown by 10 per cent — more than in the rest of prime London."

James Borradaile, from Knight Frank, says that Notting Hill is London's best-performing area. "It is now as chic as Chelsea. Bayswater's standing is rising, too, as gardens and squares are renovated and the number of cheap hotels reduces."

West London agents talk of existing price rises well above the London average — in some cases of as much as 30 per cent. The only other areas of London witnessing similar rises are to the north east, where Primrose Hill, Belsize Park and Hampstead, and Islington are all perky.

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Jon Anderson Perrett, *from Winkworth's* North Kensington office, estimates a 20 per cent increase in the number of new applicants and sales since the New Year. The district around North Kensington has had the largest growth in sales of anywhere in London, he says.

"The North Kensington City Challenge has introduced old-style lamps instead of the former grey street lights and there is a plethora of new fashionable bars and restaurants," he says. Typical buyers are professional couples looking for larger freehold houses with gardens.

West London trend-spotters are pointing to the new 52-bed Hempel Hotel, which will be opened in Craven Hill Gardens by Anouska Hempel, chatelaine of Blakes Hotel in South Kensington.

This is an insalubrious corner of Bedsit Land, but a new oasis of stylishness is flourishing. The day I visited, bottle-green and cream striped deckchairs adorned the new two-acre garden opposite the freshly painted stucco houses that are to be the Hempel. The hotel is scheduled to open this summer.

Other west London enthusiasts point to the new 15-mile link from Heathrow to Paddington station. The Heathrow Express, a joint venture between BAA and British Rail, is due to enter service in December 1997. More than six million passengers a year are expected to use the service, which will operate four times an hour and cut the journey time to 16 minutes. Trains will run on 11 miles of newly-electrified existing track from Paddington to Hayes, in west London, before branching off into a new four-mile tunnel to Heathrow.

There are other plans in the pipeline. The developers Regalian own a Paddington site with NFC with planning permission for 1.5 million sq ft of office space.

David Goldstone, Regalian's socialist chairman, is enthusiastic about the site's potential — it will be 17 minutes from Heathrow when the fast link is finished in 1997. A new deal would also involve retail and leisure development.

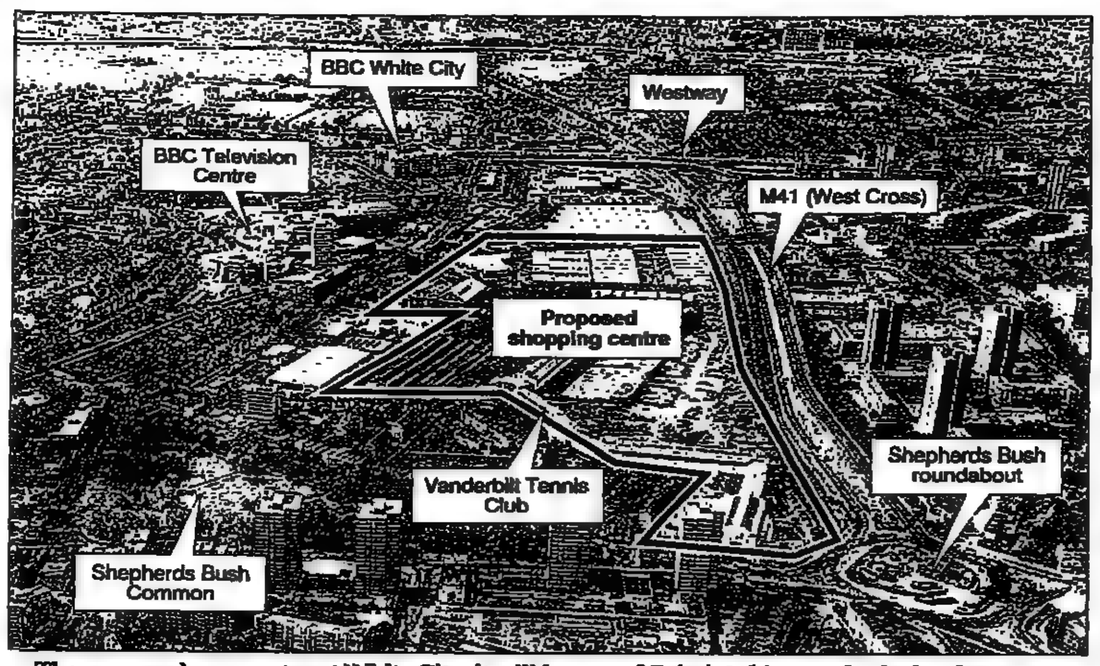
Hammersmith is benefiting from businesses looking for good communications. Coca-Cola has taken up space at Hammersmith roundabout. EMI is a new arrival in Brook Green and Haymarket Publishing has just signed up a site in Hammersmith Road. The much publicised Arc office development is now almost entirely full. "Hammersmith has risen in popularity among professional couples and families," says John Harrison of Winkworth's Hammersmith office.

One can, however, exaggerate the rise of west London. Jonathan Hewlett, head of Savills' Knightsbridge office, notes that more traditional buyers — especially foreigners — still regard Knightsbridge and Mayfair as truly "prime" London.

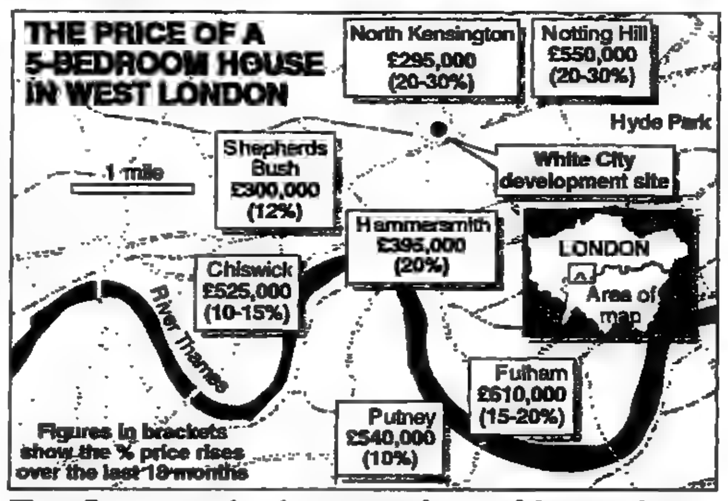
He says: "Many of the new rich have made their money in media and information technology and are less concerned with traditional values. They are more flexible about where they choose to live."

George Pope, from John D. Wood, is even more adamant that Belgravia remains prime central London and will not be outclassed by west London. "Eaton Square, for example, continues to be almost unique in the premiums paid for short leases," he says.

Paul Tayler, from de Groot Collis, says that while families are moving west, other international and English buyers are remaining loyal to Knightsbridge and the West End, with its theatres and shops.



The proposed new centre at White City: it will be one of Britain's biggest single developments



These figures are sale price averages for top-of-the-range houses in West London with at least five bedrooms, in good condition and with gardens, from Winkworth

Village shop due for a comeback?

Rachel Kelly reports on an attempt to stem the tide of store closures

New business rate plans could prove a lifeline for more than 2,000 village post offices and twice as many general stores. The Environment Secretary, John Gummer, proposes to halve the rates bills of rural shops and open the door to a full remission of the dreaded uniform business rate, known as the UBR.

The news will delight one Warwickshire villager, who has hit back against the rash of local village shop and post office closures by opening her own village store.

Sue Betteridge, 42, opened this month for business in the village of Broom, near Stratford-upon-Avon. She built the shop in the garage extension of her five-bedroom house.

With a £6,000 business loan from the bank and their personal savings, Sue and her husband Ron, a 45-year-old former businessman, decided to put the heart back into the tiny village of Broom with their own village store.

"The mill had gone, the church had gone and now the village shop was going. When I came here 20 years ago every village round here had a shop," Mrs Betteridge said.

"This village had a shop, a post office and a church — and it was a smaller village then. I was so angry when the last shop was closing last October," said the mother of Richard, 13, and Amanda, 20.

"We have elderly people, disabled people, mums and kids who can't easily get into town. My husband told me to stop ranting and raging and put my anger into doing something."

Mrs Betteridge, whose internal garage was still without doors, submitted her plans to Stratford District Council who she says were "gobsmacked" that she was applying for permission to open a village shop and post office at a time when so many were closing.

Between 1991 and 1995, the number of rural post offices fell by 4 per cent, to about 10,000. There are 19,400 post offices in the UK altogether. On Valentine's Day last year, the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux called on the Government to halt the closure of rural sub-post offices which it said were an "essential lifeline for millions of people".

The residents of the village's 180 homes supported Mrs Betteridge. She said: "I wanted somewhere clean, somewhere where you could go and buy the basics, somewhere that you could buy your newspapers and magazines and somewhere where everybody can call and have a chat.

> 'I wanted somewhere to buy basics and have a chat'

"Otherwise there are a lot of people in the village who would never see anyone. I cannot compete against the supermarkets, but I can offer a cheaper range of foods as well as the more expensive brand names. I try also to offer other services, such as shoe repairs, drycleaning and film-processing."

The Betteridges turned away professional shopfitters and kept their initial costs low by converting the shop themselves and buying shelves and food storage units from shops that were closing down in the nearby areas of Stratford, Redditch and Birmingham.

The couple now work a six-and-a-half-day week from 6am to 6pm and plan to pay off their loan within two years. Mrs Betteridge says: "I am used to working long hours. At least here I am at home and can do the accounts, the ironing or peel the vegetables for tea when the shop is quiet."

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The shape of cities to come

Public or private development, in town or out of town? Christopher Warman on the challenges facing developers

Since the boom days of the 1980s when developers needed to look no further than their next deal, recession has obliged property companies to invest in a little imagination and diversify — into the leisure and entertainment field, for instance.

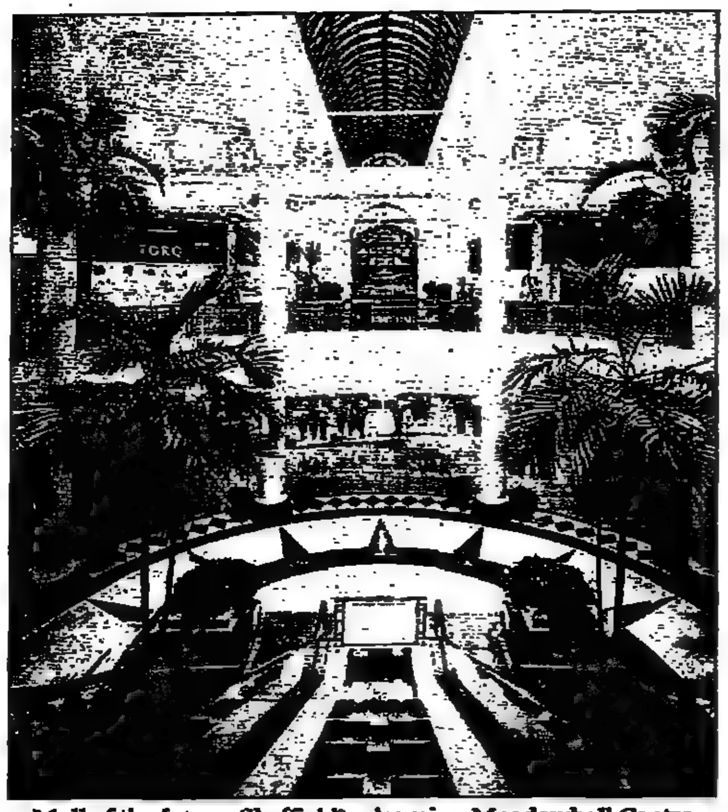
Another, perhaps more fundamental, change has been the increasing number of partnerships forged between the property sector and government, notably in pioneering initiatives to help to regenerate run-down inner-city areas and town centres. With a foot in each of these camps of expansion and initiative — entertainment and regeneration — stands the millennium, with all the market and publicity opportunities it entails.

Given the Government's commitment to celebrating the event, it is little wonder that many grand development schemes have already been proposed. And if Greenwich's troubled bid finally gets the go-ahead, the result — transforming the site of a former gasworks into a £500 million waterfront monument to technology — will surely be the world's most publicised practical reclamation of an inner-city landscape.

Jenny Page, chief executive of the Millennium Commission, can certainly expect an attentive audience at the Cities 96 conference in Sheffield today, where she is speaking on the role of lottery and millennium funding in major building and property schemes.

One focus of the conference, with important implications extending well beyond the millennium, is the effort being made to slow the business exodus from town and city centres to out-of-town sites — an issue which has provoked political disagreement. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, who addresses the conference today, says: "We are witnessing a radical improvement to our cities as they adjust to the demands of the 21st century, stimulated by the Single Regeneration Budget Challenge Fund, City Challenge, English Partnerships and European funding. Partnerships across the country are tackling deep-seated physical, economic and social problems as they revitalise their areas." Mr Gummer's attendance at the conference includes the first Secretary of State's Award for Partnership in Regeneration.

While the Labour Party's policy is against out-of-town developments, Tony Blair has displayed a warmer attitude towards such schemes — and the Labour MP Keith Vaz has argued that ministers should not interfere in the commercial relations between consumer and company.



Mall of the future: Sheffield's gleaming Meadowhall Centre

The aim of the Cities series of conferences and exhibitions — this is the fourth annual event — is to ensure that such issues are kept to the fore, and that all organisations concerned with urban management are given a voice. The first Cities, in 1993, was hailed as the first serious attempt to examine seriously how cities in the United Kingdom are run, and how they might be run better.

Sheffield is an appropriate choice to host Cities 96, since its massive retail and leisure complex at Meadowhall may hold lessons for future urban development. The complex is the largest such out-of-town scheme in Europe — and not surprisingly, delegates have been invited to visit to view its progress.

Explaining Sheffield's commitment to regeneration, Mike Bower, leader of the city council, points out that the Arena, where the Cities conference is being held, was built along with other sporting facilities for the World Student Games in 1991.

"These developments were part of a deliberate strategy to use sport and leisure as one way of stimulating social and economic regeneration," he says.

A decade ago, the area around the conference centre was at the heart of the city's steel and engineering industry. "Today it is home to a wide range of service and manufacturing industries — and to Meadowhall." Mr Bower says. "None of this could have been achieved without partnership between the public and private sectors, local and national government, the universities and local communities."

The British Urban Regeneration Association (Bura), one of the main supporters of Cities along with the Environment Department, Civic Trust and Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, is presenting its own award for "best practice in urban regeneration".

MARKET MOVES

Skyline of steel

THE cranes have returned to Mayfair. This rough test of the health of the property sector, from the consultants Drivers Jonas, shows that there are now 18 cranes on the Mayfair and St James's skyline. The area east of New Bond Street, including Clifford Street and Old Burlington Street, is seeing most activity.

Cluttons confirms this surge in activity in its latest survey of the area. The firm has witnessed a 332 per cent increase in construction in Mayfair, and 114 per cent in St James's. The two markets have started to polarise. Mayfair has seen a 16 per cent increase in take-up, while St James's has suffered a 62 per cent decrease, probably because of the lack of new-build opportunities.

☐ SMITHKLINE Beecham is to dispose of two of its major buildings in Surrey, Great Burgh and Brockham Park. The company is to consolidate its research and development activities on one site in Harlow, Essex, early next year.

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Northamptonshire dent tourists' preparation for Texaco Trophy series

Indians concede unbeaten record in final warm-up

By Simon Wilde

LUTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire beat the Indians on faster scoring rate

THE INDIANS were given a rather more rigorous workout than they would have liked by Northamptonshire yesterday in their last match before the Texaco Trophy series with England opens at the Oval tomorrow. They lost their unbeaten record on tour and were given food for thought about several aspects of their game.

There were also some anxious moments for Mohammad Azharuddin, the captain, who was twice struck on the right index finger by balls from Tony Penberthy, the Northamptonshire seam bowler. Azharuddin received treatment on the field and was dismissed shortly afterwards for 26, caught at the wicket fencing gingerly at another ball from Penberthy.

Although Azharuddin expects to be fit to play against England, he conceded that he was worried about the finger, which was cut to the knucklebone. The Wardown Park pitch showed occasional unpredictable bounce and, although it was by no means dangerous, batsmen needed to be watchful.

Tendulkar, who, with his captain, may have to carry the Indian batting, was duly cautious in the first hour, otherwise he might have made many more runs than he did. Nevertheless, he was not in the slightest trouble during his 108-ball innings of 88 and it came to an end only because of a sharp piece of fielding by Taylor.

Tendulkar was out in the 41st over and was threatening mayhem in the closing stages. He had cut loose against Emburey, off whom he had been missed on 74 by Loye on the boundary. Manjrekar and Sidhu also made sprightly contributions, but Rathore's second successive failure raises a question-mark about his long-term future as an opening batsman.

Sandeep Patil, the India manager, has been concerned about the lack of top-quality bowling that his team has faced on this tour, so the problems posed by Northamptonshire's five seamers, notably Taylor, who finished with the best figures of two for 30, were probably welcome. The Indians' total of 228 for nine was an insufficient challenge to any team batting second on this small ground.

This is Northamptonshire's only fixture at Wardown Park this season, but Allan Lamb, their former captain, made the most of the rare visit to park his car alongside the marquees and sell his testimonial merchandise off the tailgate. He bustled about the boundary with as much gusto as he used to around the crease.

Even without him, Northamptonshire made light of their task and it was Loye, the batsman who has most benefited from Lamb's retirement, who played the decisive innings. Troubled by a serious finger injury, he struggled to force his way into first XI cricket last year, but yesterday showed the pedigree that earned him an England A tour three years ago. He has made some solid if unspectacular scores this season, but a big century cannot be far away.

He came in with his side in a few early difficulties at 38 for two, which soon became 41 for three, but struck 83 from 95 balls and scarcely looked in difficulty. He shared stands of 93 in 24 overs with Bailey, who remains in prime form, and 45 in six overs with Curran, who was there at the end as Northamptonshire reached their revised target with seven balls to spare. Because of a short stoppage for rain, their task was changed to 192 runs from 42 overs.

What will most concern the Indians is the modest appearance of their bowling and fielding. Without Srinath, their only dangerous bowler was Kumble — who eventually dismissed Loye — and their outcricket looked ordinary beside Northamptonshire's. These are the problems that troubled them during the World Cup and they still remain. As for Northamptonshire, they are unbeaten in seven one-day matches this season.

Edgbaston's reserve pitch will be used for the first Test match against India, which starts on June 6. Harry Brind, the Test and County Cricket Board's pitches consultant, yesterday examined the usual Test pitch and the reserve before giving his approval to the new pitch. Warwickshire had called for his opinion after becoming concerned that the cold weather had restricted the growth of grass on the original pitch.

LUTON SCOREBOARD

INDIANS

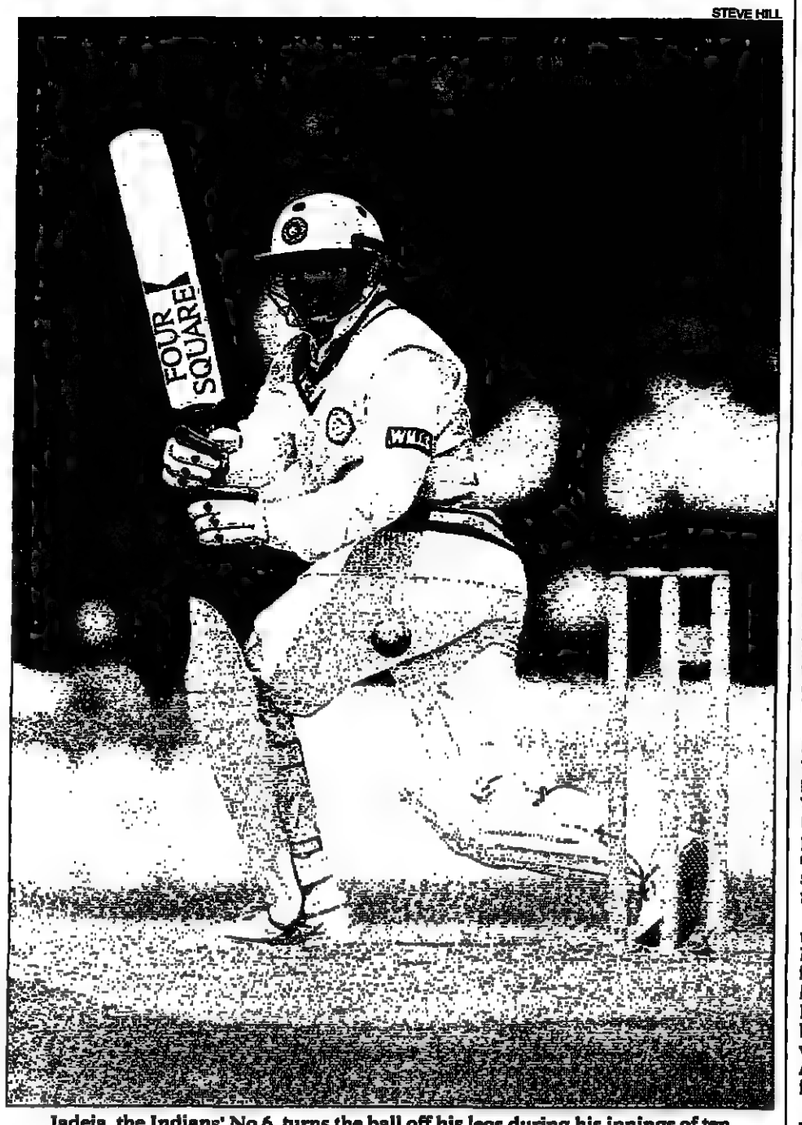
V Rathore c Warren b Mallender	4
S R Tendulkar run out	88
N S Sidhu c Emburey b Curran	26
*M Azharuddin c Warren b Penberthy	26
S V Manjrekar c Bailey b Taylor	37
A D Jadeja c Walton b Taylor	10
†N R Mongia not out	6
S Joshi b Penberthy	13
A Kumble c Warren b Penberthy	2
P Mhambrey b Penberthy	0
B K V Prasad not out	1
Extras (lb 5, w 10)	15
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	228

FALL OF WICKETS 1-16, 2-69, 3-119, 4-174, 5-202, 6-204, 7-225, 8-227, 9-227.
BOWLING: Taylor 10-2-30-2; Mallender 10-2-35-1; Curran 10-1-48-1; Capel 7-0-41-0; Emburey 4-0-27-0; Penberthy 9-0-42-4

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

D J Capel b Mhambrey	3
R R Montgomerie c Joshi b Prasad	12
T C Walton c Manjrekar b Mhambrey	8
M B Loye c Joshi b Kumble	83
*R J Bailey run out	41
K M Curran not out	26
†R J Warren not out	10
Extras (lb 6, w 2, nb 4)	12
Total (6 wkts, 40.4 overs)	195

A L Penberthy, J E Emburey, N A Mallender and J P Taylor did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS 1-4, 2-30, 3-41, 4-134, 5-179.
BOWLING: Venkatesh Prasad 10-1-37-1; Mhambrey 9.5-8-39-2; Joshi 8-0-28-0; Kumble 9-0-48-1; Tendulkar 5.5-0-39-0
Umpires: B Leadbeater and M K Reed.


STEVE HILL

Jadeja, the Indians' No 6, turns the ball off his legs during his innings of ten

Pakistan leave Aqib at home

AQIB JAVED, the seam bowler, was the surprise omission from the 17-man party named by Pakistan yesterday for the forthcoming tour of England. Ramiz Raja and Basit Ali have also been left out.

Wasim Akram will captain the side, with Aamir Sohail, who led Pakistan in tournaments in Singapore and Sharjah last month, the vice-captain.

Aqib and Basit have, however, been listed among nine reserve players. A manager has yet to be named. Intikhab Alam having been relieved of his duties. "Wasim Akram is fully satisfied and happy with the selection of the team," Arif Abbasi, the chief executive of the Pakistan cricket board, said. Saeed Anwar, Ijaz Ahmed, Inzamam-ul-Haq and Salim Malik head the batting line-up.

Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram will lead the pace bowling, assisted by Ata-ur-Rehman and Shahid Nazir, who was selected after taking 16 wickets in three first-class matches in domestic cricket. Mushtaq Ahmed and Saqlain Mushtaq are the principal spin bowlers in the party.

Asif Mujtaba, the left-handed batsman, returns after an absence of almost two years, having scored several centuries in domestic competitions recently. Arif said that Ian Chappell, the former Australia captain, has been hired to help the team with its preparations.

PARTY: Wasim Akram (captain), Aamir Sohail (vice-captain), Saeed Anwar, Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Rashid Latif, Moin Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed, Saqlain Mushtaq, Waqar Younis, Mohammad Akram, Ata-ur-Rehman, Asif Mujtaba, Saeed Anwar, Shadab Kabir, Shahid Nazir

Walker left in shade by Barada's impressive exhibition

From Colin McQuillan in Giza, Egypt

AN extraordinary breakthrough by Ahmed Barada, the world junior champion, to remove Rodney Eyles, the world No 2, from the quarter-finals of the Al Ahram International 96 squash tournament on the plateau of Giza, outside Cairo, appears already to have triggered a massive commitment to reclaiming Egypt's role as a leading squash nation.

The history of Egyptian squash reaches back into the days of British military history there. Amr Bey was their first great champion, followed by Mahmout Karim and Ibrahim Amin. In more recent years, Magdi Saad and Ahmed Safwat carried the tradition with strength and elegance. Gamal Awad brought a rare staying power.

Now Barada comes, aged 18, skilled, tough and blessed with a big-occasion psychology. This 15-4, 15-11, 15-12 win was achieved in just 50 minutes against one of the best pressure players in the game, on an open-air Perspex showcourt mounted among the pyramids of Giza.

Soon after Barada's triumph, Chris Walker, 28, the England captain, showed the form that took him to the Mahindra final in Bombay in December, to produce a fine but unexpected 15-13, 15-8, 15-11 victory over Brett Martin, of Australia, and earn a semi-final place against the Barada.

There was no doubt to whom the evening belonged, however. The Egyptians already revere Barada in much the way that Jansher Khan commands attention in Pakistan. Yesterday, Barada's hotel was the target of other top Egyptian sportsmen, anxious to commend his success, and perhaps to associate themselves with it.

There will be an Al Ahram International 97 and there is talk of more important tournaments over the coming 12 months. Already, the world junior championships are booked for Cairo.

Last night, Khan was to face Peter Nicol, of Scotland, the British national champion, in their semi-final. It may, however, be Barada who causes him more concern.

IN BRIEF

Richardson loses his Cup place to Ladejo

GREAT BRITAIN'S unprecedented strength in depth at the men's 400 metres will be highlighted today when it will be announced that Mark Richardson, the Windsor athlete, has been dropped from the European Cup individual spot, despite winning the event last year. The place goes to Du'aine Ladejo, who has been in better form.

"I was looking forward to it and, being the reigning champion, I thought the selectors would have confidence in me," Richardson said. "I am sentimental about that competition and it rankles not to have been picked."

Sampras fails

Tennis: Pete Sampras, the world No 1 from the United States, was beaten 7-6, 2-6, 6-3 by Bohdan Ulihrach, of the Czech Republic, in Düsseldorf yesterday in his first match since the death of his coach and close friend, Tim Gullikson, from brain cancer. The Czechs took a 2-0 lead in the World Team Cup match.

Gabriela Sabatini, a six-time semi-finalist at the French Open, has withdrawn from the tournament next week with a persistent stomach muscle problem.

Britain slip up

Hockey: An early goal from Mandy Nicholls was not enough to secure victory for Great Britain at Lilleshall yesterday as they lost the first of two pre-Olympic training matches against Argentina 2-1. With injuries to several key players, Lucy Culliford and Charlotte Merritt, from the reserves, were given the chance to impress.

Dermott double

Golf: Lisa Dermott retained the Welsh women's title at Tenby yesterday, beating Vicki Thomas, the eight-times champion, from Pennard. Dermott won the first four holes and took victory 4 and 3.

England subdued

Badminton: England's men were beaten 5-0 in the Thomas Cup in Hong Kong yesterday by Indonesia, the holders, who went through to the semi-finals.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Pat Davies and Nicola Smith are Great Britain's best women's pair. They combined well on this hand, from the Forbo tournament in Scheveningen in March.

Dealer East **Love all** **IMPs**

North: ♠KQJ94 ♥Q ♦KQJ10 ♣A109
West: ♠A10 ♥A984 ♦87532 ♣K2
East: ♠653 ♥KJ10532 ♦A6 ♣876
South: ♠7652 ♥76 ♦94 ♣QJ543

W	N	E	S
Davies		Smith	
-	-	2 D	Pass
2 S	Pass	3 H	Pass
Pass	Dble	Pass	3 S
Pass	4 S	All Pass	

Contract: Four Spades by South — Lead: Ace of hearts

East's Two Diamond opening was the "multicoloured" Two Diamonds. The possible hands for the bid were a Weak Two in either major, or various types of strong hand. West's Two Spades simply announced that, if East had a Weak Two in spades, that was where she wanted to play. As East has to go to the three level if she has hearts, West clearly needed heart support to make the bid.

East duly bid Three Hearts and, when that went back to North, he doubled for takeout. His raise of South's Three Spades to Four Spades was slightly optimistic, as he needed two tricks out of South, but, if the defence had not been sharp, Four Spades would have been made — left to his own devices, South can enter his hand with the third round of spades to lead the queen of clubs.

On the lead of the ace of hearts, Smith dropped the king. Davies correctly interpreted this as inviting a switch to the higher-ranking suit, ie, diamonds. Smith took the ace and returned a second round. Davies took the first round of trumps and played a third diamond, and Smith was able to ruff with the eight of spades for the setting trick.

☐ The English teams of four for the Crockford's Cup was contested at the weekend. The winners were Derek Patterson, Willie Whittaker, Pat Collins, Peter Law and Peter Donovan.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Quick wins

A notable feature of the international tournament that has recently concluded in Madrid was the violence and brevity of many of the wins. In the game today, Boris Gelfand, the Belorussian grandmaster, is torn apart in just 19 moves with White, while, in the second encounter, Gelfand destroys his solid opponent, Valery Salov, the Russian grandmaster, who has now applied for residency in Spain.

White: Boris Gelfand
Black: Miguel Illescas
Madrid, May 1996

Bogo-Indian defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	e6
3	c4	Bb4+
4	Nbd2	b6
5	a3	Bxd2+
6	Qxd2	Bb7
7	e3	0-0
8	Be2	d6
9	0-0	Nbd7
10	b4	Ne4
11	Qd3	f5
12	Bb2	Rf6
13	d5	Rg6
14	dxe6	Nf8
15	c5	Nxe6
16	bxc5	bxc5
17	Rad1	Kh8
18	Ne1	N6g5
19	Kh1	Nh3

White resigns

White is unable to capture the black knight as 20. gxh3 Nxf2 is mate. He thus has no defence against a Black knight capturing on f2 next move after which Black will have a decisive material advantage.

White: Boris Gelfand
Black: Valery Salov
Madrid, May 1996

Queen's Gambit Accepted

1	d4	d5
2	c4	dxc4
3	Nf3	a6
4	e3	Nf5
5	Bxc4	e6
6	Qe2	c5
7	dxc5	Bxc5
8	0-0	Nc6
9	e4	Ng4
10	e5	Nd4
11	Nxd4	Qxd4
12	Nd2	Nxe5
13	Nb3	Qxc4
14	Qxe5	Bf8
15	Be3	Qc5
16	Qg3	Bd6
17	f4	Qe4
18	Rad1	Be7
19	f5	exf5
20	Rfe1	Qg4
21	Qc7	Be6
22	Rd4	Qg6
23	Qxb7	Rc8
24	Bf4	Kf8
25	Rd7	Bxd7
26	Qxd7	Qb6+
27	Kh1	Re8
28	Rxe7	Rxe7
29	Bd6	Qxd6
30	Qxd6	h5
31	Nd4	Rh6
32	Qc5	Rf6
33	Kg1	Black resigns

Diagram of final position

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Arkhipkin — Prodanov, Albena, 1977. The key piece here is the White bishop on d5 which is bearing down menacingly against the Black king. How did White now exploit the strength of this piece to the full?

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ACRASIA
a. A wild witch
b. A small yellow rock plant
c. Meat ball tapas

SOOTERKIN
a. Stepchildren
b. A ghost
c. A false birth

MORGIANA
a. A red-hot slave
b. Diagonal brick-bonding
c. Catalan "good-morning"

DAIKOKU
a. A Japanese duck
b. A Korean gambling game
c. God of Loadsomoney

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Cardiff plan cross-code rugby future

By Christopher Irvine

CARDIFF is set to become the first year-round rugby club playing both codes, under proposals that could see a resumption by Jonathan Davies of his rugby league career, in addition to his union commitments in winter.

The joint venture and a £500,000 sponsorship is dependent on the new South Wales club being "fast-tracked" into the Stones Super League next year. The Rugby Football League is under pressure to make a quick decision, for fear that potential backers might withdraw if there is a delay, although acceptance of an application is unlikely before the Rugby League Council meets on July 3.

Clive Griffiths, the Wales rugby league coach, said: "Cardiff rugby union club have the big vision. They want rugby at the Arms Park 12 months a year and the situation where players can play both codes, as long as the players are managed properly. That's an exciting venture, not far down the road, under which the Wales team would be safeguarded. Otherwise, the trend back to union continues; then the writing is on the wall."

David Young, the Wales captain, is due to join Davies at Cardiff in September, and sees no reason why he could not play both games. "I would hope to continue playing rugby league internationally," he said. "Things in my contract at Cardiff would have to be ironed out, but I see nothing to stop it at the moment."

Meanwhile, Andrew Farrell, 20, has been appointed the youngest captain of Englandm for the European championship competition with France and Wales next month. Phil Larder, the England coach, said: "He has the respect of everybody in the squad, is the right kind of character and is a leader of men."

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

MANCHESTER: British veterans road relay championships: Men: 1, Swansea 2hr 06min 28sec; 2, Sunderland 2:06:49; 3, Tipton 2.07 38. Fastest lap: M Rees (Swansea) 14min 45sec Women: 1, Macclesfield 55 06, 2, Trafford 55:45; 3, Spenborough 57:09 Fastest lap: J Hall (Trafford) 16.42

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 16 Oakland 4; Baltimore 13 California 1; Milwaukee 3 Minnesota 2; Kansas City 5 Toronto 4
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 5 Cincinnati 3; Atlanta 18 Chicago 1, St Louis 5 Houston 3, Colorado 10 Pittsburgh 7; San Francisco 9 Montreal 6, New York 7 Los Angeles 1

BADMINTON

HONG KONG: Thomas Cup: Group A: Indonesia 5 England 0 (H Arbi bt D Hall 15-8, 15-2; R Subagdja and R Mainaky bt N Robertson ans J Robertson 15-6, 15-6; A Budi Kusuma bt P Bush 15-12, 15-5, A and D Kantono bt C Hunt and J Anderson 15-5, 15-10, A Wiranata bt C Haughton 12-15, 15-3, 15-6). Denmark 4 Malaysia 1. Group B: China 5 Sweden 0, Korea 5 Hong Kong 0

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Finals: Western Conference: Seattle 91 Utah 87 (Seattle lead best-of-seven series 2-0)

BOXING

OSAKA, Japan: World Boxing Association junior flyweight championship: Keiji Yamaguchi (Japan) bt Carlos Murillo (Pan, holder) pts

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of three: Ashford: Kent 384-9 dec (M J Walker 83, N R Taylor 82, B J Phillips 57 not out; J F Brown 4-81, A R Roberts 4-88) v Northamptonshire. Southampton: Glamorgan 112 (S D Udal 5-15) Hampshire 146-7 (M J Thursfield 50 not out) Oxted: Surrey 372-5 dec (I J Ward 164 not out, B C Hollioake 100 P Skuse 52); Nottinghamshire 18-0 Boldon: Durham 411-7 dec (J Wood 103 not out, D J C Ligertwood 80, D A Blenkiron 70, M J Foster 57). Sussex 37-0. Abbotsholme School: Essex 300-5 dec (A P Grayson 137, A J E Hibbert 50); Derbyshire 49-1 Oakham: Leicestershire 225 (V P Clarke 80; G Yates 6-65), Lancashire 175-5 (I D Austin 78). Second day of three: Worcester: Gloucestershire 201 (N J Trainor 104, M J Rawnsley 7-56); Worcestershire 159-1 (V S Solanki 112 not out, M Dwan 40 not out)

HANDBALL

TOULOUSE: International match: France 28 Egypt 20

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Eton Wick 2 Reading 1; Netherne 5 Raynes Park Vale 3
ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Mair KA 0 Massey Ferguson 1
ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Deportivo Español 1 Racing 2; Newell's 1 San Lorenzo 1, Gimnasia Jujuy 1 River 4, Gimnasia La Plata 3 Colon 1; Independiente 0 Estudiantes 0 Boca 4 Arg Juniors 1; Lanus 4 Belgrano 2, Ferro 0 Velez 0; Huracan 1 Rosario Central 1; Platense 0 Banfield 5
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo championship: Palmeiras 4 Botafogo 0; Guarani 1 America 0; XV de Jau 3 Santos 0, Ameaziuba 2 Rio Branco 2; Mogi Mirim 3 Novorizontino 1; Portuguesa 0 São Paulo 1; Ferroviaria 2 Corinthians 2; Juventus 0 Uniao São Joao 0 Rio de Janeiro: Flamengo 3 Itaperuna 0; Olaria 2 Volta Redonda 0; Bangu 1 Madureira 1, Vasco da Gama 3 Americano 0; Botafogo 2 Bangu 0.
WORLD CUP: Caribbean zone: Second round, second leg: St Lucia 0 St Kitts 1 (agg: 1-6); Barbados 1 Dominica 0 (agg: 2-0)
EDMONTON, Canada: Concacaf Olympic qualifying tournament: Canada 0 Mexico 1; Costa Rica 4 El Salvador 1; Jamaica 3 Trinidad and Tobago 2

GOLF

THAME: Andersen Consulting world championship: European regional championship: Semi-finals: S Torrance (Scot) bt M A Jimenez (Sp) 6 and 4; C Montgomerie (Scot) bt B Langer (Ger) 4 and 3. Final: Torrance bt Montgomerie 3 and 1.
NORTHOP COUNTRY PARK: Radrow Welsh PGA championship: Final scores: 137: M Stanford (Stafford) 67, 70. 141: P Affleck (Target Express) 73, 68; M Mouland (unattached) 73, 68. 142: M Wills (unattached) 77, 71; R Dinsdale (Newport) 72, 70; B Dredge (Bryn Meadows) 72, 70. 143: M Plummer (Burnham and Berrow) 72, 71; 144: S Dodd (St Mary's) 70, 74.
TENBY: Welsh women's championship: Semi-finals: L Dermott (Royal Liverpool) bt P Chugg (Whitchurch) 4 and 2; V Thomas (Pennard) bt E Pilgrim (Celtic Manor) 3 and 2. Final: Dermott bt Thomas 4 and 3.
SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus) 13.84pts, 2, N Price (Zim) 10 43, 3, C Pavin (US) 10 08; 4, C Montgomerie (GB) 9 80; 5, E Els (SA) 8.85; 6, B Langer (Ger) 8.66, 7, F Couples (US) 8.57; 8, N Faldo (GB) 8.51, 9, M Ozaki (Japan) 7 79. 10, S Elkington (Aus) 7 06. 11, P Mickelson (US) 6 83; 12, T Lehman (US) 6 67 13, M O'Meara (US) 6 18, 14, L Roberts (US) 5 83; 15, S Hoch (US) 5.51, 16, V Singh (Fiji) 5 41· 17, D Love (US) 5.31, 18, M McCumber (US) 5.12; 19, L Janzen (US) 4.98; 20, D Duval (US) 4.91

HOCKEY

LILLESHALL: Women's International: Great Britain 1 (Nicholls) Argentina 2 (Rimoldi, Oneto)

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL) Stanley Cup, play-offs: Finals: Eastern Conference: Pittsburgh 3 Florida 2 (best-of-seven series tied 1-1).

RACING

Monday's late results

Windsor

Going: good

6.15 (1m 67yd) 1, Cape Pigeon (M Fenton, 13-2); 2, Tauten (100-1). 3, Orange Place (8-1). Cm Born Born 4-1 fav 20 ran 1½l, nk. L Cottrell Tote £7 40; £3 00, £49 90, £3 50 DF. £1,234.20. Tno £313 60 CSF £449 12

6.45 (5f 10yd) 1, Saunders Wren (R Hughes, 10-1); 2, Golden Fact (4-5 fav); 3, Castle Ashby Jack (6-1) 6 ran NR Mike's Double ½l, 5l. M Channon Tote. £7 00; £2.10, £1 30 DF £4 10 CSF £17 77 After a stewards' inquiry, result stood

7.15 (5f 10yd) 1, Midnight Escape (N Carlisle, 16-1) 2, Wildwood Flower (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Willow Dale (7-1) Princely Sound 9-4 jt-fav. 7 ran 2½l, hd C Wall Tote £19.00; £5 50, £1 60 DF £45 70. CSF £49 53.

7.45 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, Istloff (P McCabe, 12-1), 2, Willie Rushton (12-1), 3, Pat Frem (5-1). Clemente 5-2 fav 10 ran. 1½l, 5l S Williams. Tote £14.80; £2.80, £3 20, £1 90 DF £147 80 Trio £905.10. CSF £117 70 Tricast: £565.17 Poly My Son (15-2) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in pound After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

8.15 (5f 10yd) 1, Petite Danseuse (B Thomson, 9-1); 2, Wait For Rosie (9-1); 3, Sweet Emmaline (11-2) Cherry Blossom 4-11 fav 4 ran. 3½l, ½l S Dow Tote £6 70 DF: £12.90 CSF: £50 75

8.45 (1m 67yd) 1, Crazy Chief (T Quinn, 7-1), 2, Bond Wavy (4-1), 3, Male-Ana-Mou (3-1 fav) 18 ran. NR Rose Tint. Nk, ½l. P Cole. Tote: £7 40; £2 60, £2.90, £1 50. DF: £18.40. Trio: £12.80. CSF: £35.92.

Placepot: £2,590.20. Quadpot: £298.90.

Musselburgh

Going: good

7.00 (1m 3f 32yd) 1, Lord Advocate (V Halliday, 14-1); 2, Gold Desire (11-2); 3, Trumped (33-1) Northern Motto 15-8 fav. 15 ran 1½l, sh hd D Nolan. Tote £11 00 £3 10, £2.40, £13.10 DF: £36.00. Trio not won. CSF: £90.29. Tricast: £2,356 22

7.30 (1m 3f 32yd) 1, Lord Of The Manor (J Weaver, 4-9 fav); 2, She's Simply Great (25-1); 3, Linda's Joy (5-2) 4 ran. 8l, 3½l. M Johnston. Tote £1 30 DF. £4 80. CSF £7 54

8.00 (1m 16yd) 1, Elite Racing (L Charnock, 5-1), 2, Langtonian (20-1); 3, Absolute Ruler (9-4 fav) 11 ran. ½l, 1½l N Tinkler Tote £5.20; £1 80, £4 30, £1 60. DF: £28 20 Tno £88.30 CSF £85 70.

8.30 (1m 16yd) 1, Mazcobar (K Darley, 6-4 fav), 2, Termon (14-1); 3, Napoleon's Return (33-1) 11 ran. 1½l, 3l P Makin Tote £1 90, £1.60, £5.90, £2 80 DF: £22 80 Trio £194 10 CSF £22 92 Tricast: £468 70

9.00 (7f 15yd) 1, Murray's Mazda (D Wright, 25-1), 2, Persian Fayre (5-2 fav), 3, Miss Pigalle (10-1). 13 ran 1½l, 1½l, J Eyre Tote £27 10; £2 90, £2.20, £2 90 DF £28.50 CSF £89 74 Tricast: £664 04

Placepot: £29.60. Quadpot: £7.40.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Laurent-Perrier Masters championship: Semi-finals: R Fahey (Aus) bt J Snow (GB) 1-6, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1, W Davies (Aus) bt C Bray (GB) 6-4, 6-2, 6-1 Play-off for third place: Snow bt Bray 6-3, 6-1 Final: Davies bt Fahey 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Reading 44 Scottish Monarchs 52.
SPEEDWAY STAR KNOCKOUT CUP: Second round, first leg: Exeter 45 Poole 51: Wolverhampton 56 Ipswich 39

SQUASH

CAIRO: Al Ahram International: Quarter-finals: P Nicol (Scot) bt M Cairns (Eng) 9-15, 15-11, 15-7, 15-6, Jansher Khan (Pak) bt S Parke (Eng) 15-9, 15-7, 15-8 A Barada (Egypt) bt R Eyles (Aus) 15-4, 15-11, 15-12 C Walker (Eng) bt B Martin (Aus) 15-3, 15-8, 15-11

TENNIS

DÜSSELDORF: ATP World Team Cup: Red group: Switzerland bt Germany 3-0 (M Rosset bt B Becker 7-6, 6-4, J Hlasek bt D Prinosil 3-6, 6-1, 6-3, Rosset and bt Becker and Prinosil 4-6, 6-3, 6-1) Spain bt Sweden 2-1 (S Bruguera bt T Enqvist 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 A Costa bt M Larsson 6-2, 6-3 T Carbonell and F Roig lost to J Bjorkman and P Nyborg 6-3, 6-3) Blue group: Czech Republic lead United States 2-0 (P Korda bt T Martin 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 B Ulihrach bt P Sampras 7-6, 2-6, 6-3), Russia and Holland level 1-1 (Y Kafelnikov bt R Krajicek 6-7, 6-4, 7-5, A Chesnokov lost to P Haarhuis 7-5, 6-3)
DAVIS CUP: Euro/African Group. Zone A: Pool A: Azerbaijan 2 Sudan 1, Senegal 2 Ethiopia 1; San Marino 2 Iceland 0 Pool B: Turkey 3 Benin 0; Georgia 2 Tunisia 1, Armenia 2 Bosnia 1
ST POELTEN, Austria: Men's tournament: First round: S Pescosolido (It) bt C Trimmel (Austria) 6-4, 1-6, 6-1, K Carlsen (Den) bt D Nestor (Can) 6-4, 6-3 S Dosedel (Cz) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg) 6-4, 6-2, A Gaudenzi (It) bt B Behrens (US) 6-4, 6-4; S Matsuoka (Japan) bt S Draper (Aus) 6-2, 7-5; M Rios (Chile) bt T Johansson (Swe) 6-4, 7-6 T Muster (Austria) bt M Al-Knufly (Qatar) 6-0, 6-1; M Filippini (Uru) bt F Fetterlein (Den) 6-2, 7-5, Y El Aynaoui (Mor) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 7-6, 6-3; M Gellner (Ger) bt H Dreekmann (Ger) 6-3, 3-6 6-0
STRASBOURG: Women's tournament: N Tauziat (Fr) bt N Dechy (Fr) 7-5, 6-3, K Kschwendt (Ger) bt N Bradtke (Aus) 6-2 6-1· Wang Shi-Ting (Taiwan) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan) 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 L Ghirardi-Rubbi (Fr) bt L Lee (US) 6-4, 4-6 6-2 A Fusai (Fr) bt Y Kamio (Japan) 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 A Glass (Ger) bt M Werdel-Lodmeyer (US) 6-2, 6-2.

Juventus settle into role of European underdogs

Kluivert: substitute

Rob Hughes *finds the Italian champions in wary mood before taking on Ajax's class of '96*

ROME is hot and sultry and heavy with that scent of pessimism and alarm that Italians peculiarly bring to their own great opportunities on football nights. The Old Lady, as Juventus is popularly known, is listing towards fear before its attempt, in the Olympic Stadium tonight, to deprive Ajax of the ultimate prize in club football, the European Cup.

Only the English have come to Rome and won the Cup in this city — indeed, only Liverpool, in 1977 and 1984, have captured the prize here — but, unless Gianluca Vialli makes his announcement on Friday in favour of joining Chelsea or Rangers, this particular Anglo-Italian bond is history. Now is the time, again, for the young and versatile Amsterdamers, or for Juventus, a mighty institution from Turin, whose only capture of the European Cup was that stained night of 39 deaths in the Heysel Stadium in Brussels in 1985.

Why, though, given injuries and departures from Ajax, should Marcello Lippi, the silver-haired coach to Juventus, hand so much confidence the way of his opponents? Ajax, he insists, are favourites; they are the champions of the Continent and "if we lose, nobody will machine-gun me ... a win would be an absolutely great achievement".

Vialli, as he nears 32 still a stirring athlete and a powerful centre forward, said: "We have two opponents — Ajax and the tension." He, by choice one of the minority of Juventus players not preparing for Euro 96 in England next month, brightens in mood when he speaks, with contrived clandestine overtones, of his next move. "To leave on a high would be perfect; that way, you keep all your friends," he said; but he did not say "yes" and he did not say "no" when pressed on the question of whether he might actually stay with the club if the billions of lira are right and his supposed last performance in the black and white stripes of the Old Lady ends in fulfilment.

The potent duo of Vialli and Fabrizio Ravanelli is well known. So, too, is the fact that, floating behind and to the left of them, Alessandro Del Piero has lately lost just a shade of his bewitching potential — something to do with the demands placed on a 21-year-old asked to play for the Italian army, for his club and for Italy's Olympic and senior sides. Yet there are ten Juventus players who have hit the target in ten European games this season. Similarly, nine of the Ajax squad — virtually to a man, the Dutch national team — have scored in their ten games. The exception — and he is quite exceptional — is Jari Litmanen, the Finnish forward, the leading scorer in the Champions League this season with eight goals.

We hear so often of the Ajax kindergarten, the grooming school for players, but, this season, with Clarence Seedorf transferred to Sampdoria, with Marc Overmars injured, with Michael Reiziger suspended and with Frank De Boer still doubtful with an ankle injury, it is Ajax who are suffering. Recently, they approached and were rejected by seven young players whom they wished to purchase. It is the problem of a club with such a reputation for replacing one generation with the next that nobody dares go to Amsterdam and face the competition from within.

Speaking of daring, Patrick Kluivert, the colossal centre forward who has recently come through a knee operation and a court case that found him guilty of causing death through dangerous driving, starts the match in Rome where he started the final in Vienna a year ago. He is a substitute, being nursed towards fitness, capable of perhaps an explosive half-hour if need be at the end. Kluivert may need far less time. As a teenaged substitute in Vienna, he scored the only goal, three minutes from time, against AC Milan.

The expectation could scarcely be higher. There are so many match-winners, so much anticipation that this final will be the classic that everybody hoped for, without justification, from the Liverpool v Manchester United English showpiece at Wembley a fortnight ago.

Although English influence is far away this time (it could even be as *out of mind as a squad training in* Peking), it never truly leaves the stage. Before and after this final of finals, we shall hear the Champions' League anthem, composed by Tony Britten, played by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and sung by the Academy of St Martins-in-the-Field chorus. They may try to leave the Brits behind, but our voice will always be heard.

AJAX (3-4-3): E Van der Sar — S Silooy, D Blind, W Bogarde — F George, E Davids, K Musampa or A Schulton, F De Boer — R De Boer, J Litmanen, N Kanu.

JUVENTUS (3-4-1-2): A Peruzzi — M Torricelli, C Ferrara, P Vierchowod — A Conte, P Sousa, D *Deschamps*, G Pessotto — A *Del Piero* — F Ravanelli, G Vialli

Englishman continues his continental drift with arrival at Barcelona

Robson accepts risky pension plan

By Rob Hughes
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GUSTAU NACARINO

Robson is surrounded by the media on his arrival in Spain yesterday to take over as coach of Barcelona from Johan Cruyff

BOBBY ROBSON, who nine months ago, came perilously close to the last rites, touched down in Barcelona yesterday and could have been forgiven for not knowing whether he had passed into heaven or hell.

The city's football club, the biggest in Spain, is apparently about to pay this "pensioner" £100,000 per month for a period of up to two years; and as he saw the public and the press swarming around him at Barcelona airport, he may just have been aware of the crossfire between Josep-Lluis Nuñez, the Barcelona president, and Johan Cruyff, his predecessor as coach, who was sacked. The two are sounding off with such rancour that Cruyff has warned that it is bound to end up in the courts.

This is nothing, of course, to do with Robson. At 63, but with the enthusiasm of an 18-year-old, he has accepted what he calls his last great challenge, having left Porto, where he enjoyed tranquillity and a thoroughly trusting relationship with his club president, and become the media's focal point in Barcelona, where the football club is an expression of the ambitions of the Catalan people.

Robson has the experience for the challenge. After all, he has managed England, growing grey before the eyes of millions; and, last August, in Harley Street, he was told that he had a malignant tumour inside the left cheekbone that would kill him before the season was out unless emergency surgery could arrest it. It not only worked, but also Robson completed his own successful operation, achieving a second successive Portuguese title for Porto.

Robson has always been popular in football. He conveys the earthiness of a Durham miner's son. He had the ability to play football as if his life depended on it and, in management, whatever the criticism, one simply could not knock the infectious thrill that the game seems to have held permanently for him. Now that a little something has turned up by way of insurance for his retirement, he has indeed enjoyed a life beyond fiction.

Life in Catalonia will not be easy. He knows from the outset that the club that he twice rejected — the second time proposing that a young fellow named Terry Venables should be hired — is an enormous family at war with itself, but why should that bother him after what he has come to terms with?

His first task at Barcelona is to shed some of the indulgent "stars", such as the overweight Gheorghe Hagi and the slimmer but brittle Robert Prosinecki. They, like some of the millionaire players whom Cruyff had earlier injected, have sold the club short. From a Catalan perspective, second place, let alone third, which Barcelona occupy at present, represents failure. This is not, as Rinus Michels, the former Holland manager who also had a spell at the club, observed, "a sane football environment", but Cruyff exacerbated the problems, turning his wonderful triumphs in his eight-year reign into an obsession to dominate everything and everyone that moved through the Nou Camp.

When you have such public disdain for men as sensitive and as political as Nuñez and Joan Gaspart, his cohort, whose smile is not all that it appears, you court expulsion. To lose matches while you are making the president lose face is more than carelessness.

When Nuñez poured out his vitriol yesterday, accusing Cruyff of, among other things, favouring Jordi, his son, in the team ahead of "great stars", the acrimony besmirched the resplendent club in much the same way that the back-street muggers can ruin a night out for unsuspecting foreign visitors. It is a marvellous city, poisoned by the unexpected; likewise the club.

However, Robson, who once moonlighted to earn £2 an afternoon as a rep for an engineering company to augmented his £20-a-match wage as a West Bromwich Albion player, should know how to walk the straight and narrow.

He has learnt, by winning championships in Holland, with PSV Eindhoven, and with Porto, that, on the Continent, "all" the manager is required to do is coach and coax the best out of astonishingly well-paid athletes.

With his wife, Elsie, a trained nurse and school-teacher, Robson will surely follow Gary Lineker's example of integrating himself into Catalan society. The alternative, as Mark Hughes discovered to his cost, is to play the hermit and miss out on the fun of the city and acceptance within it.

Having seen Robson at work with players whose language he barely speaks, having seen him transmit his enthusiasm, one has no doubt that he will liberate players so tightly controlled under Cruyff. If it clicks, as it usually does with Robson, sometimes to the bewilderment of his critics, then do not bet against him translating his winning touch to yet another country.

He is a remarkable man who has led a remarkable life. Even though he is wont to forget even the names of players who have "done the business" for him, he has a wisdom and humanity that is as appealing as his ability to bring freshness to every football cliché. "Don't forget, in football, everyone makes mistakes," he said 11 years ago. "You are dealing with human beings, surely the most complicated species in the world."

Venables gives pass mark to Peking's pitch

Andrew Longmore joins in the inspection of the playing surface at the Workers Stadium where England play against China tomorrow

As England sweated through their first training session in bright sunshine yesterday, the main square outside the Workers Stadium in Peking was transformed into a giant school playground. Six games of football orbited each other, revolving round the central statue that guards the entrance and occasionally scattering the homeward-bound cyclists and the kite-fliers indulging in a pastime as ancient as football itself.

Strangely, none of the young children wore the shirts of their country, their clubs or, praise be, of the ubiquitous Manchester United. The predominant colours were those of Juventus and Ajax, a reminder that the European Cup is being shown on Chinese television tonight. England, in the differing forms of Paul Gascoigne and Michael Heseltine, are not the only attractions in town.

Much of the talk at England's training session was of who would win. Stuart Pearce, a defender, said Juventus. Almost everyone else said Ajax. Lazio and Sampdoria have toured here in recent weeks and no city outside Turin will be more pro-Juve than Peking.

As Terry Venables, the England coach, has been at pains to point out, the Chinese know their game. Highlights of *Serie A* and the FA Carling Premiership are beamed into millions of homes and are well enough digested for a small boy to ask one of the press party why it was that England's club football was so strong and its national team so weak. The question could have added meaning by late tomorrow night if England take their opponents too lightly. Not until Lazio won 2-1 here last week have either Peking, the club side, or *China lost at the Workers* Stadium over the past two years, a record due, in part, to the dubious surface.

The state of the pitch was one of Venables's prime concerns yesterday, but at least the holes have been filled since his previous visit. "I've seen worse," he said, thinking perhaps of Hackney Marshes in his youth or the semi-final of the FA Cup at Villa Park. The England players prodded it with a suspicion that Geoff Boycott reserved for a spinner's paradise.

The China team arrived early to watch England train, a compliment not repaid, and Ou Chuliang, their goalkeeper, measuring no more than 5ft 8in and weighing a mere ten stone wet through, even voiced the old-fashioned nicety that England were still one of the best teams in the world. In fact, he said *the* best team, but his English was not fluent. He had a particularly high regard for Alan Shearer, a "quick-minded" player. Quietly, you feared for Chuliang if the pair met in aerial combat; but he said he was not scared.

Venables had already singled out Gao Feng, the speedy young winger, as a potential danger and England can take some of the credit for the development of Hao Haidung, his striking partner. When Graham Taylor, one of the more enlightened managers of the time, brought Watford to China in the early Eighties, he offered a pair of boots to the boy who could keep the ball off the ground the longest. Hao Haidung, then 12, won the boots and is now a talented member of a fast-developing team.

Qi Wusheng, the coach, has his critics, but has fashioned a tough, hard-running side from the debris after failure to qualify for the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Today, England will take in the sights, the Great Wall, perhaps, or the Forbidden City, where they will find the *Hall of Manifest Harmony* and the Palace of Gathering Excellence. If they return home with both those qualities, the visit will have been well worthwhile.

Oriel trust in dashing blades

PEMBROKE and Oriel are expected to engage in an exciting tussle for the headship in the Oxford University Summer Eights, which start today on the Isis. Oriel are regarded as the faster crew, but must overcome Pembroke's advantage of a length and a half, and, more important, clean water.

In the second division, the Keble eight, which could easily be mistaken for an OUBC boat, must surely win their blades and end up in the lower reaches of the first division.

The race in the women's divisions is for second place behind an Osler House crew containing three Blues and three Osiris rowers.

Starting order

Men

FIRST DIVISION (6.45): Pembroke, Oriel, St Edmund Hall, Brasenose, Balliol, Magdalen, Christ Church, New College, St John's, University, Worcester, Jesus.

SECOND DIVISION (5.45): Wadham, Exeter, Keble, St Peter's, Lincoln, St Catherine's, Hertford, Oriel II, Trinity, Merton, Lady Margaret Hall, Christ Church II

THIRD DIVISION (5.15): St Edmund Hall II, Wolfson, St Anne's, Queen's, Corpus Christi, Linacre, Osler House, New College II, University II, Mansfield, Pembroke II, Magdalen II.

FOURTH DIVISION (4.05): Balliol II, Osler House II, St Hugh's, Worcester II, Keble II, Oriel III, St John's II, Lincoln II, Brasenose II, St Peter's II, Exeter II, St Catherine's II.

FIFTH DIVISION (3.30): Somerville, Hertford II, Jesus II, University III, Keble III, Wolfson II, Merton II, Wadham II, Queen's II, Oriel IV, Lady Margaret Hall II, Trinity II.

SIXTH DIVISION (2.20): Balliol III, Christ Church III, Regent's Park, New College III, Pembroke III, Worcester III, Magdalen III, St Catherine's III, Oriel V, St Anne's II, St Edmund Hall III, Magdalen IV

SEVENTH DIVISION (1.45): University IV, Linacre II, New College IV, St Edmund Hall IV, St John's III, St Benet's Hall, Wolfson III, Lincoln III, Corpus Christi II, Mansfield II, St Antony's, Jesus III.

EIGHTH DIVISION (12.35): Wadham III, St Anne's III, Trinity III, Keble IV, Lady Margaret Hall III, Oriel VI, Keble V, Wadham IV, Somerville II, Wolfson IV, New College V, Jesus IV, Brasenose III.

Women

FIRST DIVISION (6.15): Osler House, New College, St Hilda's, Pembroke, Somerville, St Catherine's, Brasenose, Jesus, Wadham, University, St Edmund Hall, St Anne's.

SECOND DIVISION (4.40): Oriel, Wolfson, Christ Church, Hertford, Lady Margaret Hall, Keble, St John's, Worcester, Magdalen, Linacre, Merton, St Hugh's.

THIRD DIVISION (2.55): Lincoln, Exeter, Somerville II, Balliol, Osler House II, Trinity, New College II, Queen's, Mansfield, St Peter's, St Hilda's II, Pembroke II.

FOURTH DIVISION (1.10): Corpus Christi, Lady Margaret Hall II, University II, St John's II, Christ Church II, Keble II, Regent's Park, St Catherine's II, Wadham II, New College III, Osler House III, St Edmund Hall II

FIFTH DIVISION (12.0): Exeter II, Merton II, Wolfson II, Linacre II, Westminster, Lincoln II, St Antony's, St Catherine's III, Oriel II, Hertford II, St Catherine's IV, Lincoln III, Magdalen II or St Edmund Hall III.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good

2.10 (1m) 1, FORZA FIGLIO (J Reid, 3-1 fav); 2, No-Aman (R Hughes, 20-1); 3, Fasil (M Wigham, 50-1) ALSO RAN: 9-2 Mua-Tab (5th), 5 Ashanti Dancer (6th), 7 Roushan, 15-2 Stone Island, 9 Danish Rhapsody, 16 Northern Ballet, Sabrak (4th), 20 Nawaji. 11 ran. ¾l, 1½l, sh hd, 2½l, 3l. Miss G Kelleway at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £1.60, £7.00, £10.50. DF: £46.10 Trio: £161.70 CSF: £53.00.

2.40 (7f) 1, KING OF PERU (Pat Eddery, 14-1); 2, Russian Music (R Cochrane, 11-2); 3, State Of Caution (D Harrison, 13-2) ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Kilvine, 7 Marjaana (5th), Sylva Paradise (4th), 8 Splicing, 10 Wisam, 14 Albaha, Banzhaf, 33 La Modiste, Mazeed (6th). 12 ran. 1l, ¾l, 1¾l, ½l, 3l. A Jarvis at Didcot. Tote: £10.30; £2.90, £1.80, £2.80 DF: £18.40. Trio: £109.10. CSF: £81.28. Tricast: £503.61.

3.10 (5f) 1, DEADLY DUDLEY (M J Kinane, 7-1); 2, Granny's Pet (T Quinn, 8-13 fav); 3, Cauda Equina (R Hughes, 5-2) ALSO RAN: 33 Mystery (4th). 4 ran. 5l, 4l, 3l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £4.20 DF: £2.50. CSF: £11.33.

3.40 (1m 2f) 1, DON MICHELETTO (M J Kinane, 5-1); 2, Prize Giving (M Hills, 4-1 fav); 3, St Mawes (P Robinson, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Side Note (6th), 8 Legal Right (4th), 10 Masehaab, Rio Duvida (5th), 11 General Academy, 14 Swift Fandango. 9 ran. ½l, 2½l, 1¾l, 1¾l, 1¼l. Saeed bin Suroor at Dubai. Tote: £6.20; £2.00, £1.50, £1.70 DF: £8.00 Trio: £16.30. CSF: £23.03.

4.10 (1m) 1, HUGWITY (W Ryan, 7-2 fav); 2, Green Perfume (T Quinn, 10-1); 3, Star Talent (R Cochrane, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Samba Sharply, 8 Wakeel (6th), 10 Pay Homage (4th), Stone Ridge (5th), 11 Night Dance, 12 Sue's Return, 20 Pinkerton's Pal, 33 Zamalek. 11 ran. Sh hd, 2½l, ¾l, ½l, ½l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £4.20; £1.70, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £14.40. Trio: £18.70. CSF: £33.99. Tricast: £184.00.

4.45 (6f) 1, WITHOUT FRIENDS (Dane O'Neill, 3-1); 2, Miss Barcelona (W Hollick, 40-1); 3, Battle Ground (Pat Eddery, 100-30) ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Preskidul, 11-2 Misty Cay (4th), 8 Folly Foot Fred (6th), 40 Almerjam (5th). 7 ran. NR: Magnolia. 4l, 1l, 3l, nk, nk. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £2.70; £1.80, £7.10. DF: £54.10. CSF: £62.30.

5.20 (6f) 1, LOCH PATRICK (J Reid, 11-4 fav); 2, Montendre (M J Kinane, 5-1), 3, Hard To Figure (R Cochrane, 8-1) ALSO RAN: 5 Kuantan (4th), 6 Wavian (5th), 7 That Man Again, 10 Hello Mister (6th). 7 ran. Nk, hd, 1l, 1¾l, hd. M Madgwick at Denmead. Tote: £3.30; £2.10, £2.50. DF: £12.20. CSF: £14.65.

Jackpot: £7,100.00.

Placepot: £133.80. Quadpot: £46.90.

Beverley

Going: good to firm

2.25 (5f) 1, SKYERS FLYER (N Connorton, 7-1); 2, C-Harry (K Darley, 7-2); 3, Lunar Music (V Slattery, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Fit For The Job (4th), 9-2 No Rush (5th), 13-2 Super Sheriff, 12 Chilled Wine, 25 Sparky (6th). 8 ran. 1¾l, nk, 6l, 5l, 1¼l. Ronald Thompson at Doncaster. Tote: £7.20; £2.00, £1.30, £1.80. DF: £10.50. CSF: £32.68. No bid.

2.55 (5f) 1, STRUGGLER (K Darley, 4-11 fav); 2, Lucky Parkes (P Roberts, 13-2). 3, Takadou (J Weaver, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Babsy Babe (4th), 16 Tari (5th), 20 Croft Pool, 25 Here Comes A Star (6th). 7 ran. 3½l, 2l, 1¼l, 2½l, 1¾l. D Loder at Newmarket. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £2.80. DF: £3.20. CSF: £3.69

3.25 (1m 100yd) 1, TERTIUM (J Carroll, 13-2); 2, Clifton Fox (S D Williams, 6-1 jt-fav); 3, Gymcrak Premiere (K Fallon, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt-fav Queens Consul (5th), 11-2 Sandmoor Chambray, 7 Night Wink (4th), 15-2 Leif The Lucky, 12 Bernard Seven, 16 Nigel's Lad (6th), Pearl Venture, 20 Al Reet. 11 ran. 3l, 2½l, ¾l, 1½l, 2½l. M Wane at Richmond. Tote: £8.70; £2.50, £1.30, £2.10. DF: £19.60. Trio: £74.30. CSF: £37.95. Tricast: £233.81.

3.55 (7f 100yd) 1, MARIGLIANO (K Darley, 8-15 fav, Richard Evans's nap), 2, Hannalou (W Woods, 16-1); 3, Dispol Diamond (K Fallon, 25-1) ALSO RAN: 9-2 Melt The Clouds (4th), 8 He's My Love (6th), Naissant (5th), 50 New Regime, Skyfight, 66 Winn Caley. 9 ran. 1½l, hd, 1¾l, 3½l, 3l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.20, £4.40. DF: £10.40. Trio: £314.30. CSF: £10.92

4.25 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, FAIRYWINGS (K Fallon, 11-4 fav); 2, Daira (P Fessey, 25-1); *3, Baileys First (J Weaver, 16-1). ALSO RAN:* 10-3 She's My Love, 5 Sweetness Herself (4th), 11-2 Honorable Estate, 10 Portuguese Lil (5th), Tarry (6th), 20 Primrose Path, Scenicris. 10 ran. NR: Perpetual Light. Sh hd, ¾l, 3½l, 2½l, 1l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £5.60; £2.10, £2.90, £3.00. DF: £107.30. Trio: £411.90. CSF: £57.76. Tricast: £867.86. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood

5.00 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, STRATEGIC PLOY (K Fallon, 5-2 fav), 2, Go-Go-Power-Ranger (N Kennedy, 5-1), 3, Champagne Warrior (L Charnock, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Uoni (6th), 7 Jump The Lights (4th), 12 Mister Aspecto (5th), Salsian, 14 Noir Esprit, 20 Tashjir. 9 ran. 1¼l, 1½l, 1½l, 3l, ¾l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £3.30; £1.70, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £7.20. Trio: £17.60. CSF: £15.22. Tricast: £54.17

Placepot: £20.10.

Quadpot: £7.20.

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6.30 Precious Girl. 7.00 Maple Bay. 7.30 Sea-Deer. 8.00 Zamhareer. 8.30 Our Home Land. 9.00 Eagle Canyon.

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6.30 BURRADON HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,648: 6f) (11 runners)

1 20-0 BLESSINGINDISGUISE 42 (C,G) M W Easterby 9-7 M Birch 7
2 21-5 MALLIA 46 (G) T Barron 9-0 J Fortune 5
3 420- ALBERT THE BEAR 256 (D,F) J Berry 8-13 K Darley 10
4 34-0 AMANITA 25 (D,F) J Watts 8-13 J Carroll 8
5 00-1 DESERT LYNX 16 (CD,G) T Watson 8-10 K Fallon 4
6 002 ENCHANTED GUEST 18 P Harris 8-8 G Duffield 2
7 1-21 MASK FLOWER 23 (D,G) M Johnston 8-8 J Weaver 11
8 66-4 PRECIOUS GIRL 14 (V,D,G,S) D Moffatt 8-7 Darren Moffatt (3) 6
9 0-66 HOH MAJESTIC 14 (V,C,F,G) M Wane 8-4 D McKeown 3
10 10-5 MISTER JOEL 25 (F) M W Easterby 7-12 Dale Gibson 1
11 0-00 HICKLETON MISS 13 (F) Mrs V Aconley 7-10 N Carlisle 9

4-1 Mallia, 9-2 Mask Flower, 5-1 Precious Girl, 6-1 Mister Joel, 7-1 Enchanted Guest, Hoh Majestic, 8-1 Desert Lynx, 10-1 others.

7.00 DINNINGTON HANDICAP (£3,810: 1m) (15)

1 0-50 PRIDE OF PENDLE 11 (CD,F) D Nicholls 7-9-11 Alex Greaves 3
2 4-05 WESTERN GENERAL 29 (D,G,S) Miss M Milligan 5-9-11 N Connorton 9
3 0000 ANONYM 25 (D,F) D Nicholls 4-9-3 J Bramhill (7) 15
4 6108 MAPLE BAY 13 (D,G) A Bailey 7-9-3 P Roberts (5) 2
5 31-4 SPECIAL-K 15 (D,F,G) E Weymes 4-9-0 J Fortune 11
6 -000 SPANISH VERDICT 18 (C,D,F,S) D Smith 9-9-0 C Teague (3) 1
7 00-1 SHAFFISHAYES 23 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-0 D McKeown 6
8 -001 SPANISH STEPS 9 (B,D,F) M W Easterby 4-8-8 (6ex) G Parkin (5) 14
9 6-32 INTENDANT 13 (D,BF,F) J Fitzgerald 4-8-7 K Fallon 12
10 0-00 FORGOTTEN EMPRESS 107 (D,G) A Harrison 4-8-7 G Duffield 10
11 3200 JUNGLE PATROL 15 (F) M Brittain 4-8-7 K Darley 8
12 45-0 ERIC'S BETT 11 (D,G) F Murphy 3-8-7 J Weaver 13
13 -006 KASHANA 26 W Storey 4-8-2 J Fanning 7
14 00-1 EURO SCEPTIC 12 (B,D,F,G) T Easterby 4-8-1 T Williams 5
15 0226 NOBBY BARNES 13 (D,F,G) E Incisa 7-7-12 Kim Tinkler 4

4-1 Shaffishayes, 5-1 Western General, 6-1 Intendant, 8-1 Special-K, 10-1 Pride Of Pendle, Spanish Steps, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Miss L Siddall, 4 winners from 19 runners, 21.1%; M Johnston, 17 from 108, 15.7%; C Thornton, 5 from 34, 14.7%; J Bethell, 5 from 38, 13.2%; Mrs M Reveley, 20 from 153, 13.1%; J Berry, 18 from 142, 12.7%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 15 winners from 76 rides, 19.7%; G Duffield, 16 from 82, 19.5%; N Connorton, 12 from 71, 16.9%; J Carroll, 20 from 125, 16.0%; K Darley, 25 from 184, 13.6%; K Fallon, 14 from 119, 11.8%.

7.30 GO EVENING RACING SELLING STAKES (£2,316: 5f) (13) SKY

1 1160 SENSE OF PRIORITY 9 (D,F,G) D Nicholls 7-9-10 Alex Greaves 2
2 0-05 CALL TO THE BAR 14 (D,F,G) M Dods 7-9-5 C Teague (3) 3
3 300- FLASHY'S SON 223 (D,F,G) F Murphy 8-9-5 J Fanning 9
4 4/0 GONE TO HEAVEN 9 (D,F) T Etherington 4-9-5 K Darley 5
5 00-0 METAL BOYS 12 (D,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 9-9-5 J Weaver 7
6 450- PALLIUM 251 (D,F,G) Mrs A Naughton 8-9-5 N Connorton 6
7 3224 SEA-DEER 9 (D,F,G,S) D Chapman 7-9-5 J Fortune 10
8 00-0 SIGAMA 140 (CD,F,G) J Carr 10-9-5 G Parkin (5) 13
9 0300 SWAN AT WHALLEY 19 (D,F) M Wane 4-9-5 P Roberts (5) 1
10 000- WAVERLEY STAR 261 (B,D,F,G,S) J Wainwright 11-9-5 D McKeown 11
11 -004 AYE READY 20 (G) Miss L Perratt 3-8-11 L Charnock 8
12 00 SHARVIC 43 Miss M Milligan 3-8-11 Dale Gibson 12
13 -000 TROPICAL BEACH 13 (B,D,G) J Berry 3-8-11 J Carroll 4

9-2 Sea-Deer, 5-1 Sense Of Priority, Flashy's Son, 8-1 Gone To Heaven, Aye Ready, Swan At Whalley, 10-1 others.

8.00 REED PRINT & DESIGN HANDICAP (£3,501: 2m 19yd) (10) SKY

1 0463 MONDRAGON 9 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-10 A Culhane 9
2 00/- RODEO STAR 12J (D,F,S) N Tinkler 10-9-6 J Fortune 8
3 5-31 ROYAL EXPRESSION 11 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-4 K Darley 3
4 23-0 FRENCH IVY 11 (D,F,G) F Murphy 9-9-1 T Williams 10
5 0-22 GREAT EASEBY 5 (BF) W Storey 6-8-11 J Fanning 6
6 2-36 SUJUD 23 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-7 K Fallon 5
7 1011 JARAAB 25 (V,D,G) Miss S Wilton 5-8-1 L Charnock 7
8 50-3 URBAN DANCING 12 B Ellison 7-8-0 N Kennedy 4
9 65-5 ZAMHAREER 12 (BF) W Storey 5-7-11 Iona Wands (7) 2
10 0-00 WESTERN HORIZON 12 C Brittain 4-7-10 N Carlisle 1

11-4 Royal Expression, 7-2 Great Easeby, 5-1 Jaraab, 6-1 Mondragon, 8-1 French Ivy, 10-1 Sujud, Urban Dancing, 12-1 others.

8.30 RAMSIDE HALL HOTEL AND COUNTRY CLUB MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,079: 5f) (7) SKY

1 BOLD RISK J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 4
2 502 BOLERO BOY 18 (BF) M W Easterby 9-0 Dale Gibson 2
3 DEMOLITION MAN J Watts 9-0 K Darley 5
4 NIGHT FLIGHT J J O'Neill 9-0 K Fallon 1
5 OUR HOME LAND M Johnston 9-0 J Weaver 3
6 0 PENSION FUND 9 M W Easterby 9-0 G Parkin (5) 6
7 RETURN OF AMIN J Bethell 9-0 J Fortune 7

2-1 Bold Risk, 7-2 Bolero Boy, 9-2 Our Home Land, 6-1 Night Flight, 7-1 Demolition Man, 8-1 Return of Amin, 14-1 Pension Fund.

9.00 DUDLEY LIMITED STAKES (£2,745: 1m 1f 9yd) (7)

1 -060 DR EDGAR 11 (D,F,G) M Dods 4-9-7 K Fallon 5
2 3046 MANABAR 5 (G) M Polglase 4-9-7 N Carlisle 6
3 38-0 STORMLESS 14 P Monteith 5-9-7 L Charnock 2
4 0012 EAGLE CANYON 5 (G) B Hanbury 3-8-10 J Weaver 7
5 6003 ALPINE PANTHER 8 W Jarvis 3-8-8 K Darley 1
6 162 CALL ME 23 (BF,G) C Thornton 3-8-7 D McKeown 4
7 15 SHE'S A WINNER 20 (S) P Monteith 3-8-7 S D Williams 3

2-1 Eagle Canyon, 7-2 Alpine Panther, 4-1 Dr Edgar, 6-1 Call Me, 7-1 Manabar, 12-1 Stormless, She's A Winner

Don Micheletto adds to Derby trial confusion

By Julian Muscat

THE disappointing series of Derby trials concluded as they started at Goodwood yesterday when Don Micheletto took the measure of Prize Giving in the Westminster Taxi Insurance Predominate Stakes over ten furlongs.

Don Micheletto thus became the fourth established trial winner without the Derby entry. Ever since Santillana initiated the sequence by winning the Classic Trial at Sandown, only Mystic Knight and Glory Of Dancer — from six individual trial winners — are entitled to run at Epsom.

Even with the Derby entry, however, Don Micheletto would be unlikely to run at Epsom. The Machiavellian colt appeared close to the limit of his stamina as he repelled a renewed challenge from Prize Giving in the closing stages. Mick Kinane, who handled Don Micheletto with aplomb, later opined that ten furlongs was as far as the colt could handle.

Besides, in comparison to his stablemates, Mark Of Esteem and Mick's Love, Don Micheletto is a mere bit player on the classic scene. "He is a nice colt but Mark Of Esteem is obviously our best," Godolphin's racing manager, Simon Crisford, said.

The result will have prompted Geoff Wragg and Lady Oppenheimer, respectively the trainer and owner of Prize Giving, to draw breath.

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Nap: Whitewater Affair (3.10 Goodwood)

Next best: Source Of Light (3.40 Goodwood)

Wragg trained Don Micheletto for Lady Oppenheimer last season prior to the colt's purchase by Godolphin. Meanwhile, St Mawes, who chased the pair home in third place, is to take his chance at Epsom. He will be the first Blue Riband runner for Lord Swaythling, who has owned thoroughbreds for 41 years.

In that time Swaythling has seen immeasurable changes to the fabric of the Turf. Yet the possibility that a future Labour Government might considerably tighten regulations governing non-residents for tax purposes would mark a particularly unhappy chapter. Non-residents account for a large percentage of horses in training in Britain and Peter Walwyn, chairman of the Lambourn Trainers' Association, has written to Tony Blair, leader of the Labour Party, seeking clarification.

In the letter, Walwyn outlined the concerns of his training contemporaries in Lambourn. He said such a move would be "a disaster for the already ailing bloodstock industry, hit heavily by the National Lottery, the recession and the Lloyds saga."

Additionally, there were implications for the racing industry within the National Heritage Committee Report on the National Lottery, which was published yesterday. The report stated that the Lottery's effects on the betting and gaming industry had been "particularly marked", and recommended that bookmakers should be permitted to bet on the outcome of the weekly draw.

Some 250,000 people in Britain place bets on the Irish lottery each week. Bookmakers believe that a concession allowing them to trade on British numbers would help to offset the Lottery's impact on betting turnover.

Britain could bring back a bundle of Irish money available for the Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh on Sunday. From a maximum field of 13, Ladbrokes yesterday priced up Bijou D'Inde as their 9-4 favourite, followed by 3-1 Spinning World, 4-1 Beauchamp King, 8-1 Phantom Quest, Russian Revival and Tagula.

The plight of Dr Massini remained unclear last night. Trained by Michael Stoute, Dr Massini was reported lame on Monday morning but no further bulletins were forthcoming from the Stoute camp yesterday. Coral and William Hill both withdrew the colt from their Derby lists and respectively offer him at 9-2 and 4-1 with a run.

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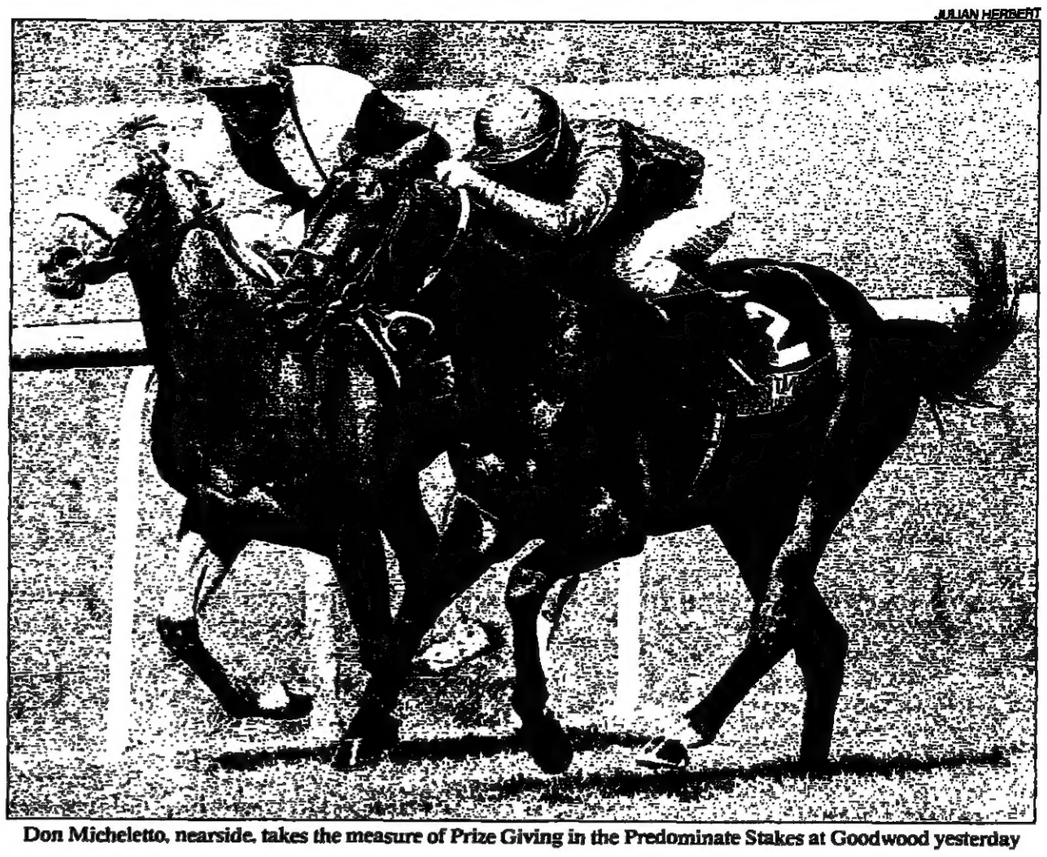

Don Micheletto, nearside, takes the measure of Prize Giving in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood yesterday

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER

2.10 FATEFULLY (nap)
2.40 Lennox Lewis
3.10 Shemozzle
3.40 Source Of Light
4.10 Chairmans Choice
4.45 Country Lover
5.20 Ikatania

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Fatefully. 2.40 Sweet Magic. 3.10 WHITEWATER AFFAIR (nap).

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS

2.10 METSA-SERLA PAPERBOARD LTD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £5,259: 7f) (16 runners)

101 (12) ALL STAND (P Prendell) D Chappell 8-11 — A Clark —
102 (1) 0-0 BELLA'S LEGACY 17 (Vintage Services) R Hodges 8-11 — B Doyle 70
103 (10) 0- CLASSIC LOOK 285 (J Condon) D Chappell 8-11 — B Thomson —
104 (15) 03 EMY COASTING 16 (C Singer) P Cole 8-11 — T Quinn 97
105 (2) 2 FATEFULLY 18 (BF) (M Al Maktoum) S bin Suroor 8-11 — M J Kinane [illegible]
106 (16) HIGHLAND RHAPSODY (Mrs C Hanbury) I Balding 8-11 — M Hills —
107 (3) KAWANIN (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 — Pat Eddery —
108 (5) LOVE AND KISSES (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-11 — W Ryan —
109 (13) 3 LUBABA 22 (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 — W Carson 98
110 (14) 0020-00 MIMOSA 26 (G Steinberg) S Dow 8-11 — R Hughes 63
111 (4) 0-0 ON THE HOME RUN 11 (S Powell) J Jenkins 8-11 — N Day —
112 (9) 3-42 POETRY 36 (M Keogh) M Tompkins 8-11 — P Robinson 91
113 (8) 00 POMONA 16 (Skyline Racing) P Makin 8-11 — S Sanders 78
114 (11) PRESS ON NICKY (S/MP Syndicate) W Muir 8-11 — R Cochrane —
115 (3) 0- RISKING 263 (A Al Khalifa) G Lewis 8-11 — A Whelan (3) —
116 (7) 4 SMOOTH ASSET 23 (BF) (A Collins) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 — J Reid 89

BETTING: 11-10 Fatefully, 8-1 Lubaba, 8-1 Smooth Asset, 10-1 Emy Coasting, 12-1 Poetry, Highland Rhapsody, 14-1 Love And Kisses, 16-1 others.

1995: MARGUERITE BAY 8-11 W R Swinburn (7-1) E Dunlop 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

EMY COASTING 3¾l 3rd of 9 to Please Suzanne in conditions race at Kempton (6f, good to firm). FATEFULLY 5l 2nd of 14 to Ta Rib in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). LUBABA neck and short-head 3rd of 13 to Abeyn in maiden at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). POETRY neck 2nd of 12 to Aerleon Jane in maiden at Folkestone (7f, good to firm). SMOOTH ASSET 12¾l 4th of 13 to Azizi in maiden at Kempton (7f, good to firm).
Selection: EMY COASTING

2.40 MARRIOTT GOODWOOD PARK HOTEL HANDICAP (BBC2)
(£9,240: 6f) (14 runners)

201 (6) 1655/06- AL NUFOOTH 384 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 4-10-0 — W Carson —
202 (1) 005-600 SHIKARI'S SON 11 (CD,F,G) (A Spargo) J Cullinan 9-9-13 — T Quinn 92
203 (14) 540-000 LENNOX LEWIS 26 (CD,F) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 4-9-9 — J Tate 97
204 (11) 0010-03 TWICE AS SHARP 7 (D,G) (Formula Twelve) P Harris 4-9-7 — G Hind 98
205 (10) 3216-04 SWEET MAGIC 7 (G) (C Hammond) P Howling 5-9-7 — F Norton 97
206 (9) 0000-00 LORD OLIVIER 16 (C,F,G) (Miss V Jarvis) W Jarvis 6-9-6 — M Tebbutt 98
207 (2) 36101-0 CHARLIE SILLETT 21 (D,F,S) (J Sillett) B Hills 4-9-5 — M Hills 91
208 (8) 0-45500 CASTLEREA LAD 4 (CD,F,G) (Mrs T Graham) R Hollinshead 7-9-5 — M J Kinane 95
209 (5) 00-0420 HOW'S YER FATHER 4 (CD,F,G,S) (Derry Farm) R Hodges 10-9-2 — R Cochrane 96
210 (3) 00110-3 LA PETITE FUSEE 23 (D,G,S) (M Bevan) R O'Sullivan 5-9-0 — R Hughes 95
211 (12) 04-3606 MONTSERRAT 18 (V,S) (Mrs A Yeakley) L Cottrell 4-8-7 — M Fenton 100
212 (7) 201100- PURPLE FLING 256 (D,F,G) (S Mouncey) L Cottrell 5-8-7 — J Quinn 92
213 (13) 05-4033 DENBRAE 11 (D,G) (M Meberah) D Murray Smith 4-8-6 — J Reid 96
214 (4) 626426 INVOCATION 40 (CD,F,G) (R Vernon) A Moore 9-7-10 — N Adams 90

BETTING: 9-2 Charlie Sillett, 5-1 Twice As Sharp, 7-1 La Petite Fusee, 8-1 Denbrae, Sweet Magic, 10-1 Montserrat, How's Yer Father, 12-1 others.

1995: CASTLEREA LAD 6-9-4 L Dettori (9-2) R Hollinshead 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

TWICE AS SHARP ¾l and neck 3rd of 15 to Fairy Wind in handicap at York (5f, good to firm) with SWEET MAGIC neck 4th. CASTLEREA LAD 3¾l 5th of 7 to Carranta in conditions race at Thirsk (6f, good to firm) recently. LA PETITE FUSEE short-head and 1¾l 3rd of 13 to Latching in handicap at Kempton (8f, good to firm) with HOW'S YER FATHER (3lb worse off) ½l 4th. DENBRAE head and ¾l 3rd of 20 to Patsy Grimes in handicap at Salisbury (6f, good to firm) penultimate start.
Selection: SWEET MAGIC

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Rotheen) B Hall 9-10-0 .. B West (4) 86

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse; name. Days since last outing: J — jumps. F — flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.10 TRIPLEPRINT LUPE STAKES (BBC2)
(Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £17,740: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

301 (6) 2311-6 SCARLET PLUME 17 (S) (Avlesfield Farms) J Dunlop 9-0 — W Carson 90
302 (4) 31 ALZABELLA 24 (D,G) (M Wauchope) J Hills 8-8 — M Hills —
303 (3) 1 CAMPORESE 16 (D,S) (M Tabet) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8 — NON-RUNNER —
304 (5) 12303-0 FAG END 17 (F) (M Keogh) M Tompkins 8-8 — P Robinson 88
305 (2) 2100-2 FARAWAY WATERS 17 (F) (R Cruchley) D Ancorner 8-8 — T Quinn 97
306 (10) 512-0 PAPERING 17 (C,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-8 — M J Kinane 91
307 (8) 00 PROMISSORY 17 (S) (Mrs C Strain) C Brittain 8-8 — B Doyle 68
308 (7) 11-3 SHEMOZZLE 14 (F) (Lord Huntingdon) J Gosden 8-8 — Pat Eddery [illegible]
309 (9) 1-6 SILK MASQUE 33 (C,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8 — J Reid 90
310 (1) 21 WHITEWATER AFFAIR 16 (F) (J Greenwell) M Stoute 8-8 — R Cochrane 89

BETTING: 5-2 Shemozzle, 7-2 Faraway Waters, Whitewater Affair, 7-1 Scarlet Plume, Papering, 8-1 Silk Masque, 10-1 Fag End, 12-1 others.

1995: SUBYA 8-11 W Carson (11-2) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

SCARLET PLUME beat Beauty Dancer 2½l at 17-runner group III Premio Dormello at San Siro Milan (1m, good to soft) final start last season. FAG END best effort when 5½l 3rd of 6 to Rumbaa in listed race at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). Final start last year. FARAWAY WATERS 5l 2nd of 7 to Practice in listed race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). SCARLET PLUME (7lb better off) [illegible] PROMISSORY 6½l last. PAPERING head 3rd of 6 to Bint Salsabil [illegible]. Selection: SCARLET PLUME (nap)

3.40 KINCSEM RATED HANDICAP (BBC2)
(£9,455: 1m 6f) (7 runners)

401 (2) 03116-3 SOURCE OF LIGHT 22 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs A Acloque) P Cole 7-9-7 — Pat Eddery 98
402 (5) 21222-0 BETTER OFFER 16 (F) (Mrs A Barker) E Alexander 5-9-2 — A Clark 93
403 (4) 6310-2 PRUSSIAN BLUE 25 (BF,F) (J Mercer-Rowlands) A Bailey 4-9-2 — W Ryan 94
404 (7) 0363-11 PURPLE SPLASH 15 (D,G,S) (J Richard) P Makin 4-8-11 — T Quinn [illegible]
405 (6) 0-5244-0 ENGLISH INVADER 59 (B,E) (W Backhouse) R Hannon 5-8-8 — S Sanders 94
406 (1) 1633/6-3 BACKGAMMON 17 (F,S) (N Brown) J Ryan 5-8-5 — J Reid 99
407 (3) 320310- TUDOR ISLAND 215 (D,F,G) (T Barr) C Brittain 7-8-4 — B Doyle 91

Long handicap: Tudor Island 7-13.

BETTING: 5-2 Purple Splash, 3-1 Source Of Light, 4-1 Prussian Blue, 6-1 Backgammon, 7-1 Better Offer, 8-1 English Invader, 12-1 Tudor Island.

1995: MERCADER 4-9-4 S Doyle (15-1) C Brittain 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOURCE OF LIGHT 4½l 3rd of 4 to Rocket Flight in conditions race at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm). BETTER OFFER neck 2nd of 11 to Castel Water in handicap at Brighton (1m 4f, good) final start last year. PRUSSIAN BLUE 1¼l 2nd of 4 to Sudoku in conditions race at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good) PURPLE SPLASH best Robango 5l in 8-runner handicap at Hamdoch (1m 6f, good to soft). BACKGAMMON 1¾l 3rd of 12 to Beauchamp Jade in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). TUDOR ISLAND beat Floating Line neck in 13-runner handicap at York (1m 6f, good) penultimate start last year.
Selection: SOURCE OF LIGHT

Blinkered first time

GOODWOOD: 3.40 English Invader. 4.45 Battleship Bruce. Yet Again.
NEWCASTLE: 6.30 Precious Girl. 7.30 Tropical Beach.
SALISBURY: 6.45 King Ubad.
WORCESTER: 3.25 Ok Corral. 3.55 Java Shrine. 4.25 April Cruise.

4.10 SOUTHERNPRINT STAKES HANDICAP (£7,895: 1m) (13 runners)

501 (11) 111156 RAIDS 18 (6,S) (P Shemmill) Mrs L Stubbs 6-9-11 — R Cochrane 93
502 (12) 0661-00 NO CLICHES 25 (D,F) (M Watt) G Lewis 3-9-1 — Paul Eddery 91
503 (6) 300-001 COUREUR 11 (C,D,F,G) (F Hanson) M Hammond 7-9-1 — J Quinn [illegible]
504 (3) 220000- GREATEST 216 (D,F,G) (Invictus Ltd) R Akehurst 5-8-12 — T Quinn 92
505 (10) 01-44 CHARLIE CHANG 6 (D,BF,G) (J Horgan) R Hannon 3-8-9 — Dane O'Neill (3) 96
506 (9) 150-006 PISTOL 6 (F,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 5-8-9 — W J O'Connor 90
507 (8) 24010S- THAMES SIDE 211 (D,F) (Mrs H Veal) M Madgwick 5-8-9 — A Eddery (7) 94
508 (13) 4010/20- NIGHT IN A MILLION 272 (S) (Leith Hill Chasers) S Woodman 5-8-8 — M Fenton 82
509 (7) 1012-03 CHAIRMANS CHOICE 33 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Brazier) A Jarvis 6-8-5 — J Tate 98
510 (1) 000-002 ROCKY WATERS 13 (C,F,G) (P Chamiak) P Burgoyne 7-8-2 — D R McCabe (3) 97
511 (5) 4-60205 NORTHERN GREY 93 (Inn Crowd) J Scargill 4-7-12 — G Bardwell 85
512 (2) 6421-50 YOUNG BUTT 16 (D,G) (G Butterfield) J Fitch-Heyes 3-7-10 — M Henry (5) 88
513 (4) 00040-6 THATCHMASTER 6 (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 5-7-10 — Declan O'Shea 94

Long handicap: Young Butt 7-9. Thatchmaster 7-9.

BETTING: 4-1 Charlie Chang, 5-1 Chairmans Choice, 7-1 Raids, Coureur, 8-1 Greatest, 9-1 No Cliches, 10-1 Rocky Waters, 12-1 others.

1995: KINGCHIP BOY 6-9-6 A Clark (12-1) M Ryan 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

COUREUR beat Belle Frank 1l in 16-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). CHARLIE CHANG 6l 4th of 13 to Mizzole in handicap at York (1m, good to firm). NIGHT IN A MILLION 1¼l 2nd of 15 to What A Nightmare in handicap at Southwell (7f, AW) penultimate start last year. CHAIRMANS CHOICE head and neck 3rd of 16 to Rambo Waltzer in handicap at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). ROCKY WATERS neck 2nd of 14 to Perilous Plight in handicap at Brighton (7f, firm).
Selection: CHARLIE CHANG

4.45 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS CLAIMING STAKES
(£4,199: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

601 (7) 005004 COUNTRY LOVER 9 (V,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-11 — Aimee Cook (7) 95
602 (3) 4-30600 STATAJACK 11 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 8-9-11 — R Hughes [illegible]
603 (9) F25-420 BATTLESHIP BRUCE 25 (B,D,G,S) (T Foreman) N Callaghan 4-9-8 — Pat Eddery 95
604 (2) 40-0 MANNAGAR 11 (Surrey Bloodstock) J Poulton 4-9-8 — P McCabe (3) —
605 (4) 0/2145-0 WESTMINSTER 40 (V,F) (J Bull) M Tompkins 4-9-8 — P Robinson 80
606 (5) 1000-00 YET AGAIN 16 (B,F) (G Grayson) B Hanbury 4-9-4 — J Stack (3) 81
607 (8) 0000-00 NORTHERN SPRUCE 20 (Jaderchil Ltd) A Foster 4-9-3 — M Henry (5) —
608 (6) 00 ELA AGAPI MOU 11 (Mrs A Muzinic) G Lewis 3-8-8 — Paul Eddery —
609 (1) 430000 ASKING FOR KINGS 22 (Mrs G Simin) S Dow 3-8-1 — A Daly (5) 94

BETTING: 5-2 Battleship Bruce, 3-1 Country Lover, 7-2 Statajack, 8-1 Asking For Kings, Yet Again, 10-1 Ela Agapi Mou, 12-1 others.

1995: TRADE WIND 4-9-9 A Proctor (7-1) D Elsworth 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

COUNTRY LOVER 2½l 4th of 13 to Shining Example in rated stakes at Windsor (1m 3f, good to firm). STATAJACK best recent effort 6¾l 6th of 15 to Progression in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). BATTLESHIP BRUCE 1¾l 2nd of 13 to Maple Bay in apprentices handicap at Nottingham (1m, good) penultimate start. WESTMINSTER best effort last year 2¾l 4th of 13 to Green Land in handicap at Beverley (1m 4f, firm). ELA AGAPI MOU 15l 10th of 12 to Not No Fax in maiden at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: COUNTRY LOVER

5.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BOXGROVE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,386: 6f) (10 runners)

1 (4) CASTLES BURNING (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 — W Ryan —
2 (6) CHAKRA (Eurostar Ltd) S Dow 9-0 — J Quinn —
3 (1) FALKENHAM (T Hely-Hutchinson) P Cole 9-0 — T Quinn —
4 (8) GENEROUS GIFT (M Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-0 — Paul Eddery —
5 (7) KATANIA (D Clowser) J Dunlop 9-0 — W Carson —
6 (10) 5 LATIN MASTER 19 (J Perry) R Hannon 9-0 — R Hughes —
7 (9) MISTER PINK (C Sumner) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 — J Reid —
8 (2) 6 SPANIARDS INN 25 (B Schmidt-Bodner) B Meehan 9-0 — P Robinson —
9 (8) STRATHMORE CLEAR (Fond Brokers) G Lewis 9-0 — Pat Eddery —
10 (3) GOODWOOD LASS (Goodwood Owners) J Dunlop 8-9 — G Carter —

BETTING: 5-2 Latin Master, 7-2 Falkenham, 5-1 Katania, 8-1 Generous Gift, 7-1 Goodwood Lass, 8-1 Spaniards Inn, 10-1 others.

1995: SEA DANE 9-0 M J Kinane (6-1) P Harris 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

FALKENHAM (cost 18,000gns, foaled May 10) half-brother to 1m juvenile winner Radisham, dam 1m2f winner at three. GENEROUS GIFT (Feb 27) half-brother to 6f winner Green Barries. KATANIA (40,000gns, Feb 8) first foal, dam dual 7f winner in France. LATIN MASTER 4l 5th of 13 to Dame Laura in maiden auction at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). SPANIARDS INN 8¾l 6th of 9 to Roman Imp in maiden at Sandown (5f, good). STRATHMORE CLEAR (25,000gns, Apr 3) second foal; dam staying maiden. GOODWOOD LASS (15,000gns, Feb 4) first foal; dam, from useful middle-distance family, 1m2f winner.
No selection

La Petite Fusee to sprint clear

GOODWOOD

BBC2

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.40: Twice As Sharp and La Petite Fusee make most appeal here. Peter Harris is doing particularly well with his sprinters this term and, after a pipe-opener at Sandown (badly drawn), Twice As Sharp was always thereabouts when finishing third at York a week ago on ground which would have been plenty lively enough for the Sharpo colt. Now that he reverts to six furlongs on easier ground and, off a handicap mark only 3lb higher than when winning at Newcastle last term, he should go close.

La Petite Fusee ran two of her best races here last year, including a short-head second to the useful Iktamal. After an excellent seasonal debut at Kempton, when finishing third to Latching from an unfavourable draw, she can make all the running down the stands' rail.

3.10: Punters who have backed Pricket, the short-priced favourite for the Oaks, will be looking for a bold show from Faraway Waters, who finished five lengths behind the Godolphin hope at Newmarket.

Shemozzle is arguably the form choice judged on her third to Tout A Coup in the Cheshire Oaks, but John Gosden's string is not firing on all cylinders and **Whitewater Affair**, from the in-form Michael Stoute yard, is preferred. After failing by only a short head to land the Wood Ditton Stakes at the Craven meeting, the Machiavellian filly needed only to be pushed out to score comfortably from My Lewicia at Kempton 16 days ago. Today's extra quarter of a mile should bring about further improvement.

3.40: Despite carrying top weight, **Source Of Light** looks fairly treated, judged on his best form last term. Roger Charlton's tough campaigner can go on any ground and is only 2lb higher than when winning at Chester last August — the last time he contested a handicap.

Better Offer looks the sort to improve this term and Guy Harwood's runner was far from discredited over an inadequate trip on his reappearance at Newmarket. He rates a danger along with the in-form Purple Splash.

RICHARD EVANS

GOODWOOD SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Stoute, 18 winners from 77 runners, 23.4%; R Charlton, 12 from 52, 23.1%; W Hern, 7 from 33, 21.2%; H Cecil, 14 from 73, 19.2%; J Gosden, 20 from 108, 18.5%; P Cole, 19 from 105, 18.1%.

JOCKEYS: R Hughes, 7 winners from 30 rides, 23.3%; Pat Eddery, 30 from 142, 21.1%; M Hills, 19 from 101, 18.8%; Dane O'Neill, 4 from 22, 18.2%; R Cochrane, 22 from 138, 15.9%; J Reid, 33 from 211, 15.6%.

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2.25 Hamilton Silk. 2.55 Wassl Street. 3.25 Muskora. 3.55 Courageous Knight. 4.25 Pontoon Bridge. 5.00 Quick Bowler. 5.30 Mythical Approach.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) — SIS

2.25 EARLS CROOME JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,355: 2m) (8 runners)

1 2026 HAMILTON SILK 16 (D,BF,G,S) M Pipe 11-12 — D Bridgwater —
2 1221 MIM-LOU-AND 11 (CD,F,G) Miss H Knight 11-12 Mr J Culloty (3) —
3 P6F AGAINST THE CLOCK 18 J Mullins 10-12 — S Curran —
4 BEST OF BOLD 178F N Gaffney 10-12 — P Hide —
5 000 FRANKIE HARRY 18 A Carroll 10-12 — M Brennan —
6 6 OAKBURY 15F Miss L Siddall 10-12 — A Thornton —
7 40P0 RED LIGHT 16 (V) J Jenkins 10-12 — S Fox —
8 032 SPUMANTE 14 M Muggeridge 10-12 — B Powell —

6-4 Mim-Lou-And, 3-1 Hamilton Silk, 6-1 Spumante, 7-1 Oakbury, 8-1 Red Light, 10-1 Best Of Bold, 16-1 others.

2.55 RIPPLE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,600: 2m 4f) (11)

1 WASSL STREET 28 (D,S) P Morgan 4-11-10 — A S Smith —
2 S2P3 WHISTLING BUCK 14 (S) R Rowe 8-11-6 — D O'Sullivan —
3 6P4P DAJRAAN 18 N Twiston-Davies 7-11-3 — C Llewellyn —
4 5556 CARDINAL RULE 26 J Edwards 7-11-1 — M Dwyer —
5 U332 TAP ON TOOTSIE 16 T Wall 4-11-0 — R Massey (5) —
6 -005 DUBELLE 25 J Jung 6-11-0 — A Larnach —
7 0-0P BANK PLACE 98 (S) K Burke 9-10-13 — A Thornton —
8 000P LEAP IN THE DARK 4 Miss L Siddall 7-10-13 — B Powell —
9 6P63 WINTER ROSE 16 M Sheppard 5-10-10 — D Morris —
10 0363 CLOCK WATCHERS 21 J Bridger 8-10-7 — D Morris —
11 3504 LITTLE TINCTURE 12 (B) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 6-10-2 — Sophie Mitchell (5) —

9-4 Wassl Street, 5-1 Whistling Buck, Tap On Tootsie, 6-1 Winter Rose, 8-1 Dajraan, 10-1 Clock Watchers, 12-1 others.

3.25 PINVIN HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,663: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)

1 23F3 WISE APPROACH 5 (G,D,F,G,S) K Bailey 9-12-0 — S McNeill —
2 2303 WHO'S TO SAY 14 (F,G,S) Miss V Williams 10-11-10 — Michael Brennan (7) —
3 5006 MONDAY CLUB 16 (F,G,S) J Tuck 12-11-7 — R Bellamy —
4 5011 FALLY PARSON 12 (D,F,G) R Dickin 10-11-5 — Mr J Culloty (3) —
5 0P33 CROSULA 12 (F,G,S) M Pipe 8-11-5 — D Bridgwater —
6 P1FP TUDOR FABLE 44 (D,BF,G,S) N Henderson 8-10-12 — J R Kavanagh —
7 6F-0 OK CORRAL 15 (V,D,F,G,S) G Balding 9-10-12 — B Clifford —
8 1505 MUSKORA 32 (CD,F,G) P Hobbs 7-10-11 — R Dunwoody —
9 4P26 PONTYNYSWEN 21 (V,C,G,S) D Burchell 8-10-11 — D J Burchell —
10 4P03 SAFFAAH 15 (C,G,S) S Kingsford 9-10-8 — M Richards —
11 11P3 BLACK CHURCH 14 (F,S) R Rowe 10-10-0 — O O'Sullivan —

5-2 Crosula, 4-1 Fally Parson, 5-1 Muskora, 7-1 Wise Approach, 8-1 Pontynyswen, 10-1 Black Church, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Sherwood, 18 winners from 60 runners, 30.0%; M Pipe, 36 from 138, 26.1%; G Harwood, 3 from 12, 25.0%; D Nicholson, 22 from 90, 24.4%; P Hobbs, 30 from 126, 23.8%; Miss H Knight, 11 from 47, 23.4%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 38 winners from 225 rides, 16.9%; D O'Sullivan, 5 from 39, 12.8%; C Llewellyn, 18 from 143, 12.6%; A Thornton, 4 from 33, 12.1%; J A McCarthy, 4 from 33, 12.1%; B Powell, 13 from 126, 10.3%.

3.55 BREWERY TRADERS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,390: 2m) (11)

1 0001 SECRETARY OF STATE 11 (D,F,G) D Whitehead 10-11-10 — R Dunwoody —
2 P365 HANDY LASS 18 (F,G,S) J Smith 7-11-0 — T J Murphy (3) —
3 0P10 STAPLEFORD LADY 21 (D,F) J Moore 8-10-12 — W McFarland —
4 14F6 LADY CONFESS 18 (D,F) J Upson 6-10-11 — R Supple —
5 3314 CHRIS'S GLEN 11 (V,CD,F,G) J Bradley 7-10-10 — Guy Lewis (3) —
6 -P04 WILL JAMES 11 (B,D,BF,F,G) C Drewe 10-10-4 — A Thornton —
7 1200 JAVA SHRINE 18 (B,D,F) J Tuck 5-10-3 — S McNeill —
8 0006 THE EXECUTOR 11 (F) J Joseph 6-10-3 — D Skyrme —
9 /0-2 PHALAROPE 18 (D,G) K Morgan 8-10-1 — A S Smith —
10 2666 ZAHID 36F K Burke 5-10-0 — R Johnson —
11 -001 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 7 (F) P Hayward 7-10-0 — B Fenton (3) —

7-4 Secretary Of State, 5-1 Chris's Glen, 3-1 Java Shrine, Lady Confess, 10-1 Handy Lass, Will James, Courageous Knight, 12-1 others.

4.25 HANDLEY CASTLE NOVICES CHASE
(£3,561: 2m 4f 110yd) (12)

1 /F1 MERIVEL 336 (C,F) R Rowe 9-11-7 — D O'Sullivan —
2 -U21 PONTOON BRIDGE 16 (D,F,G) G Harwood 9-11-7 — R Dunwoody —
3 1FP2 REAL GLEE 16 (D,BF,F) O Sherwood 7-11-7 — J A McCarthy —
4 /P2 BENTLEY MANOR 32 (G,S) K Bridgwater 7-11-0 — R Supple —
5 4680 LUKE WARM 21 D Gandolfo 6-11-0 — G Upton —
6 3-00 RICH LIFE 54 (G) C Weedon 6-11-0 — M Richards —
7 -U56 SWEET BUCK 11 R Pugh 7-11-0 — M Sharratt —
8 03P APRIL CRUISE 67 (V) L Snook 9-10-9 — A Thornton —
9 /PU BALLYRANEBOW 11 C Jackson 8-10-9 — Mr G Sanford-Saunz —
10 4132 RUBY VISION 280 (F,G) T Forster 7-10-9 — S Wynne —
11 P0-0 SHAMELESS LADY 272 G Harm 6-10-9 — S Burrough —
12 P00U ENNISTYMON 11 J Mullins 5-10-2 — S Curran —

6-4 Pontoon Bridge, 5-2 Merivel, 7-1 Real Glee, 8-1 Rich Life, Ruby Vision, 20-1 Bentley Manor, 25-1 others.

5.00 SHRAWLEY STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £1,333: 2m) (16)

1 BARTON BULLDOZER 329 G Balding 6-11-0 — B Clifford —
2 BUFFS BOY N Henderson 5-11-0 — M Lane (7) —
3 0 CALLING THE TUNE 25 M Bamaclough 5-11-0 — Ann Stokell —
4 CLIMKING G Harwood 5-11-0 — Mrs A Pennet —
5 GUIDO Miss V Williams 5-11-0 — R Davis —
6 LANCASTRIAN JET J Edwards 5-11-0 — M Dwyer —
7 53 LUMO 11 K Bridgwater 5-11-0 — D Bridgwater —
8 PRINCEFUL Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 — R Farrant —
9 5 SAMARDELLO 16 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 — D Walsh (5) —
10 CARNIVAL CLOWN K Bishop 4-10-9 — R Greene —
11 CHANTRY LAD N Dawe 4-10-9 — B Fenton (3) —
12 CLASSIC CHAT J Spearing 4-10-9 — R Dunwoody —
13 006 MESP 18 J O'Shea 5-10-9 — Michael Brennan (7) —
14 QUICK BOWLER D Nicholson 4-10-9 — R Johnson —
15 TIGER BEE N Mitchell 5-10-9 — Sophie Mitchell (5) —
16 3R TRUE RHYME 11 C Smith 6-10-9 — V Slattery —

5-2 Quick Bowler, 4-1 Battle Say, 5-2 Clinking, 6-1 Lumo, 8-1 others.

5.30 SHRAWLEY STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £1,333: 2m) (16)

1 051 SPRING DOUBLE 18 (G) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 — C Llewellyn —
2 4 AWS CONTRACTS 36 C Hemsley 5-11-0 — B Fenton (3) —
3 BUCKHEART 83 A J Wilson 6-11-0 — A Thornton —
4 06- DUKE OF LEE 441 J Poulton 6-11-0 — T J Murphy (3) —
5 FORSIDDEN WATERS J Edwards 5-11-0 — M Dwyer —
6 MYTHICAL APPROACH D Nicholson 6-11-0 — R Johnson —
7 0 PIPER'S ROCK 16 G Balding 5-11-0 — B Clifford —
8 RUM CUSTOMER C Barnett 5-11-0 — Mr J Creighton (7) —
9 0 SOUTHERNCROSSPATCH 160 J White 5-11-0 — W McFarland —
10 TELUK Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 — R Farrant —
11 WARRID J Bosley 6-11-0 — M Bosley —
12 FRIENDSHIP N Henderson 4-10-3 — T Hagger (7) —
13 ROSANDA 39P R Buckler 6-10-9 — S Powell —
14 05 SOL MUSIC 19 S Earle 4-10-9 — G Bradley —
15 KEEPITTOYOURSELF J O'Shea 4-10-4 — Michael Brennan (7) —
16 50 RAJADORA 18 L Snook 4-10-4 — Mrs A Davis —

3-1 Spring Double, 4-1 Friendship, 9-2 Mythical Approach, 7-1 others.

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2 (7) BLUEBELL MISS M Ryan 8-11 — D Biggs —
3 (4) CONSPIRACY J Dunlop 8-11 — T Sprake —
4 (9) GREEN JEWEL R Hannon 8-11 — M Hills —
5 (15) GROVEFAIR MAIDEN B Meehan 8-11 — B Doyle —
6 (3) LUCKY DIP D Cromwell 8-11 — B Thomson —
7 (8) MY PRECIOUS

Business already booming on the back of the European championship

Hats, scarves, foam rattles and T-shirts will contribute to the £120 million of official merchandise being sold on the back of Euro 96. Photograph: André Camara

Roll up, roll up and sell the game

Andrew Longmore says the merchandisers will get the result they want from Euro 96

For those whose idea of football merchandise stretches no further than a crumpled 1966 World Cup rosette lying in the attic, the European championship will come as a severe culture shock; not so much a football tournament as a glorified trolley race. From the virtual videos advertised on the Kellogg's box at breakfast to a nightcap of Euro 96 wine sipped from a Euro 96 crystal glass, from pulling on your Euro 96 socks, underpants, denim shirt and leather jacket to donning your Euro 96 pyjamas, the reminders of just how broad football's reach has grown in the intervening 30 years stretch like bunting, which, of course, is also available in Euro 96 colours.

If the more enlightened element within Licensed Properties International (LPI), the official licensors of Euro 96, had had its way, the merchandising would not have stopped at lights out. A Euro 96 condom was proposed and rejected, which was a shame — the growing love affair between football and commerce could not have found a more apt symbol — and though some might bemoan the rape of the game, they do not include those who relish the prospect of the 16 best teams in Europe playing top-class football in well-equipped stadiums on their doorstep. Nor those ringing the cash tills.

Some £120 million worth of merchandise will be sold on the back of Euro 96. Additional revenue of £150 million should be generated by ticket sales (£55 million), television rights (£45 million) and sponsorship and commercial activities (£50 million), a grand sum of £270 million, which will lift European football into the financial premier league.

"What the Los Angeles Games did for the commercialisation of the Olympic Games, Euro 96 will do for Europe," Fiona Green, of LPI, said. "The 1998 football World Cup in France, the 1999 rugby World Cup in Wales and the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester should all benefit from our learning curve."

The pyramid stretches from the Swiss-based ISL, which bought the commercial rights for Euro 96 from Uefa, down through LPI, which controls the licensing of retail and non-sale items such as competitions and promotions, to a broad base of manufacturers and cottage industries. LPI has had 500 offers from potential licensees over the past two years and turned down about 80 per cent of them. With just over three weeks to kick-off, offers are still coming in. Euro 96 wine was signed up just two months ago, watches and ladies fashions have jumped on the bandwagon this week.

"I had a guy last week wanting to sell postcards," Green said. "He rang and said: 'I'll offer you £500 for a licence.' I said we already had two licensees in that area. 'Well,' he said. 'It would be £500 extra for you and it's not too much if I lose my money.' That's not quite the sort of attitude we're looking for."

At J & J Cole, a china and glassware decorators on the outskirts of Halifax, Euro 96 has brought an early Christmas. The company services most Premier League clubs with souvenir mugs, but £15,000 for a licence to sell their giftware, with no prospect of a return for two years, was a serious capital investment for a 30-strong family-run firm. However, by the end of March, they had doubled their minimum sales guarantee of 70,000 items and, having taken last weekend off to produce 5,000 "Double" commemorative mugs for delivery to Old Trafford on Monday, were heading for the 200,000 mark.

"It's taken our business to a new level, brought us a lot of new contacts and given the place a real buzz," Graham Cheesebrough, the sales manager, said. With its confidence high and profits increased, the company intends to apply for the licence for the 1998 World Cup. "I don't know how long the boom can last, but it's all football at the moment," he said.

Controlling the pirates will be one of the keys to the success of the merchandising operation. LPI's main task, apart from allotting licences, is to protect the Euro 96 logo from misuse and "ambush marketing". Every official item is labelled "Official licensed product" and local authorities, lawyers, trading standards officers, police and FA representatives are co-operating in the anti-pirating campaign. By licensing a T-shirt manufacturer specifically to supply the Sunday morning markets, LPI hopes to undermine some unofficial traders before they set up stall.

Competition for licences has been fierce and often litigious, selling the gear occasionally dangerous. JCK Holdings, which supplies Euro 96 leisurewear to Woolworths, among other outlets, has had to pull out of the Romanian market because of a threat from the mafia to one of their distributors. The "sticker wars" between Merlin Publishing and Panini have highlighted another area of contention, between the rights of individual federations, who operate their own merchandising programmes, and the Euro 96 licensees.

The FA has built up its own "family" of 35 sponsoring companies to offset the costs of staging the tournament, estimated at £17 million, and to generate profits for the game. They range from multinationals such as Coca-Cola, Fujifilm and Mars, to Persil Port Sunlight, in Warrington, who are the regional hosts for the North West, but, unlike the licensees, counting money is not necessarily the priority.

"Profit is one of the aims of staging the championship, but it is not the most important," Stephen Curnow, the FA's sponsorship coordinator for Euro 96, said. "We have no control over the prices of merchandise, but we're still sensitive that no one feels exploited. The legacy of Italia 90 was a huge upsurge of interest in the game, reflected in increased attendances and at the grass roots. We hope Euro 96 will prompt the same reaction."

The main disappointment for LPI has been the sluggish response of retailers to Euro 96. "They've looked at it like Batman, Pocahontas or Dumbo," Green said. "They're so used to waiting to launch their products off the back of films, they've thought 'We can't launch too soon or people will get bored'. If there is one major thing Euro 96 can do, it is to teach the retailers about the power of sports marketing in general and football in particular."

Even so, with 16 as opposed to eight nations competing, Uefa should more than double its £29 million income from Sweden four years ago, money that will benefit the game and not line traders' pockets. Both Uefa and the FA, as hosts, receive a percentage of every item sold for Euro 96. There is comfort, too, for the refugees of 1966. The supporter's rattle is back, made of foam rubber and costing £6. What price nostalgia if the result is the same?

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

European Cup final

Ajax v Juventus (Olympic Stadium, Rome, 7.30)

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance championship
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OTHER SPORT

HOCKEY: Women's International match: Great Britain v Argentina (Lilleshall, 3.0).

TENNIS: World women's doubles Cup (Craiglockhart Sports Centre, Edinburgh)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Hull v London (7.30). Long Eaton v Wolverhampton (7.30). Speedway Star Cup: Second round, first leg: Cradley Heath and Stoke v Belle Vue (at Stoke, 7.45); Scottish Monarchs v Bradford (at Glasgow, 7.30). Second round, second leg: Poole v Exeter (7.30)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43

ACRASIA

(a) The personification of Intemperance, the Greek word signifying "lack of control". In Spenser's *Faerie Queene* (II, xii) *Acrasia*, an enchantress, mistress of the "Bower of Bliss", transformed her lovers into monstrous shapes and kept them captive (*cf.* Circe). Sir Guyon destroyed her bower, freed her victims, and sent her in chains of adamant to the Faerie Queene.

SOOTERKIN

(c) A kind of false birth fabled to be produced by Dutch women through sitting above their stoves. Hence an abortive proposal or scheme, and, as applied to literature, an imperfect or supplementary work. Butler, *Hudibras*: "For knaves and fools being near of kin/ As Dutch boors are t'a sooterkin./ Both parties join'd to do their best/ To damn the public interest."

MORGIANA

(a) In the Arabian Nights (*Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*), the clever, faithful slave of Ali Baba, who pries into the forty jars and discovers every jar but one contains a man. She takes the oil from the only jar containing it, and having made it boiling hot, pours enough into each jar to kill the thief therein. Finally she kills the captain of the gang and marries her master's son.

DAIKOKU

(c) One of seven Japanese gods of luck. He is the god of wealth and good fortune, and is represented sitting on bags of rice.

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Mercurial Lewis sets fast-rewind in search of track to triumph

MIDWEEK VIEW

SIMON BARNES

Flashback: the Nancy Robinson School of Dance, Streatham. The annual competition and me — child, supportive brother — watching my sisters dance their dances. They were both brilliant (still a supportive brother), but the incident that stayed in my mind concerned a small male dancer who, halfway through a rather unconvincing demonstration of his skills, stopped dead, went to the front of the stage, and asked the judges: "Can I start again, please?"

I have never forgotten that. How many times, in testing circumstances, have I been tempted to try that magic formula? There is nothing worse than that terrible sick feeling that you are in the process of making a pig's ear of it, and that there is no escape barring putting the world on rewind.

This is true of match reports, true of careers, true of life — "Look, it shouldn't have ended like this. Can we go back to when we first met? Can I start again, please?" Yet we never can. The only option is to keep plugging away, carrying with you the ever-heavier baggage of your own disastrous errors.

Though perhaps one man has escaped this ineluctable law. If so, that man is Chris Lewis. He has danced before us many a time, intermitting grace and indifference, and again and again he has asked: "Can I start again please?" Yes, Chris — and he does.

My favourite of Lewis's fresh starts occurred when he was called up controversially — every Lewis selection is a controversy — to play for England in the Caribbean a few years back. To signify his new start, he adopted a new style: he shaved off all his hair.

I have no quarrel with this. Perhaps he wanted to look like a basketball player. The intention was to wipe the slate clean, as it were, and come out a new, more impressive and thoroughly reinvented Chris Lewis. Alas, the day before the first Test, glistening pate revealed to the world, he got sunstroke on his cranium and had to miss the match.

On another occasion, making a fresh start, he was struck by a migraine on the morning of the match. There are two types of migraine: a bad one, in which you feel you are going to die, and a very bad one, in which you fear you might not. All the same, this was not a very crickety sort of excuse.

Then Lewis is not a terribly crickety sort of cricketer, in the blokish and pintish and boys-togetherish sense. He is a rather idiosyncratic version of cricket's traditional misfit: carries a bible in his cricket bag, does not drink at all and is frightfully twitchy about passive smoking.

Mostly, we can put up with people who do their best — "Tried his heart out, didn't he?" Well, Lewis's best is possibly the best in the world, but we are not to know because we have hardly ever seen it. It is not that Lewis does not try. He tries and tries, but his best just does not tend to happen terribly often.

Hardly at all, in fact, though, when it does, it is pretty devastating. It is not the poor performances that turn people against him, it is these rare, lightning flashes of glory. For example, back on that tour of West Indies, he had bowled medium pace all day while Keith Arthurton helped himself to a century. Came the last over, and Lewis bowled from nowhere the fastest ball of the match. Arthurton was damn near decapitated.

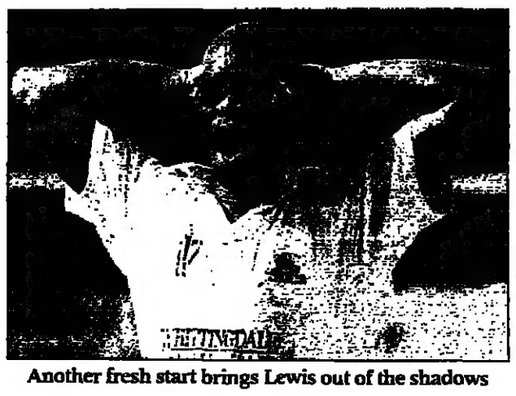
"Why didn't he — why couldn't he — why doesn't he? Oh, *forget* it."

"As a captain, you like to know what you can expect from your players," Graham Gooch said. "With Chris, you were never sure."

This devastating inconsistency is why Lewis has been written off as incurably odd. A man with all the talents save the talent for possessing talent; a man who has had so many last chances he almost ran out of them.

"Can I start again please?" Lewis has, yet again. A new county, Surrey, his third. They have — thus far, and still unexasperated — pursued a policy of making much of him; casting his as a shock, rather than a stock, bowler. Early promise — and at 28, Lewis is still full of early promise — this season and suddenly he has been picked for the England squad for the one-day series against India.

Really, one can only rejoice for him. For he is not a squanderer of his talents, one who blasphemes against his gifts. It is more self-doubt than exaggerated self-esteem that has been his problem. How nice it would be to think that a person really can reinvent himself — and dance to triumph, too, perhaps.



Another fresh start brings Lewis out of the shadows

RADIO CHOICE

A rough road to normality

Your Place or Mine? *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

Dante's *Divine Comedy* does not spring to mind when you think of Fred West, the serial killer, but a quote from *Purgatory* crops up twice in Philippa Budgen's documentary about Geoffrey Wansell, appointed by the Official Solicitor to write the definitive biography of West. "A man's evil love makes the crooked path seem straight," Dante wrote. It is Wansell's traumatic attempts to keep to the straight path of normality in the face of investigative horrors that Budgen explores. Wansell talks about leaping from his chair and shouting "For God's sake, Fred, what on earth were you thinking about?" His wife Jan should not have needed to consult a psychic reader to be assured that her husband's book will prove very successful.

The Country Life. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

This is Radio 4-type programming spilling over into Radio 2 — proof, if proof were needed, that cross-fertilisation can be good for planners as well as for us. Here are rough and ready rural voices, taking us through the farming calendar from winter to autumn in the long-ago days when, says one son of the soil, the same methods were used that the Saxons employed. Farmers would walk 11 miles a day behind a single-furrow plough; church bells had to ring out three times before corn sheaves were brought in on threshing day; and country girls stole pheasant eggs and brought them home stuffed into their knickers for a family feast.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 4.00am Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Alan Parker — Road Warrior **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Anne Robinson **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Frances Edmonds **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.00** In Good Voice (4/6) **8.30** Back On the Road (5/5) **9.00** The Country Life. See Choice **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl 6.55, 7.55 Racing preview **8.25** The Magazine with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at 12.35pm Moneycheck: **2.05** Ruscoe On Five, incl Racing from Goodwood and Entertainment News **4.00** Nationwide, incl at 5.45 Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra **7.20** Trevor Brooking's Football Night. With Marcus Buckland. Commentary from Rome on the European Champions Cup Final: Juventus v Ajax **10.05** News Talk, with Jeremy Vine and guests **11.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson incl at 11.15 Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours, with John Diamond **2.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Megamix **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Discovery **9.00** News in German **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** World News **10.05** Business **10.15** Andy Kershaw **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** *Off the Shelf* **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** *Thirty-Minute Drama* **1.00** News in German **1.30** Composer **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Megamix **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Science View **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Discovery **8.00.** Newshour. **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack: X Press **10.00** World News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian (On Screen) **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** World News **12.10am** Science View **12.15** Country Style **12.30** Multitrack: X Press **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From Our Own Correspondent **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Word of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Spohr (Overture: Der Alchymist); Messenet (Suite No 7); Falla (Nights in the Gardens of Spain); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in D, Op 8 No 11); Pascuil, arr Ruzicka (Grand concerto on Themes from Donizetti's *Le Favorita*)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Grainger (The Merry Wedding: Irish Tune from County Derry); Brahms (Piano Quartet No 2 in A Op 26)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Bath Festival. Trad, arr Hall Johnson (Way over in Beulah land); Trad, arr Flemming (Give me Jesus); **10.10** *Artist of the Week*: Roger Vignoles, piano. Fauré (Les Berceaux, Op 23 No 1); **10.20** Debussy (La Cathédrale engloutie; Feux d'artifice, Preludes); Ireland (Sea Fever); Randall Thompson (Howl Ye); Trad, arr Luboff (All My Trials); Brahms (Violin Sonata in D minor, Op 108); Liszt (Ballade No 2 in B minor); Milhaud (Symphony No 5); Ken Burton (Create me a clean heart); Trad, arr William Dawson (Ezekiel saw de wheel); Jean Berger (The Eyes of All)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Respighi
1.00pm Chopin. Graham Scott, piano. (r)
2.00 Schools Together **2.20** Time and Tune **2.40** Drama Workshop
3.00 Midweek Choice: 0171-765 4368. Includes Arriaga (Overture: Nonetto); Handel, arr Kempff (Minuet in G minor); Poulenc (Clarinet Sonata)
4.00 Choral Evensong, from Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford
5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.15 In Tune. Includes Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending)
6.00 BBC Rush Hour Concert, live from the Wigmore Hall in London. Thomas Allen, tenor, and Malcolm Martineau, piano, perform songs for dawn and dusk
7.00 Cocktails. Prewar light music (r)
7.30 BBC Philharmonic under Bernard Klee. Mahler (Symphony No 3)
9.15 Jelly Mountain. With Ivor Cutler
9.30 The American Quartet. Vanbrugh Quartet. Dvorak (String Quartet in F, Op 96, American)
10.00 Voices. Iain Burnside talks to the American mezzo Marilyn Horne
10.45 Night Waves. Christopher Cook discusses the lessons to be learnt from Chinese history with the historian Jonathan Spence
11.30 Composer of the Week: Clara Schumann (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather. Humphrey Lyttelton and his band recorded at the 1996 Jersey Jazz Festival
1.00 Night School: Lifeskills **1.45** Radio Showcase
2.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes Orchestral music by Mozart and Shostakovich **3.30** Sacred music by Poulenc and Dufay **4.30** Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4) **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sports **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Vice or Virtue
10.00 News; A Good Read (FM only). Three favourite paperbacks discussed by Edward Blishen and his guests, Sarah Kennedy and John Harvey
10.30 Woman's Hour
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Are You From the Bugle? A sit-com about life in a local newspaper office. Written by John Gradwell (1/6)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; My Way. St Paul's Boys' Choir, by Georgia Pritchett. With Caroline Strong, Lynda Baron, Richard Tate and Anastasia Mulrooney (1/3)
2.45 Treasure Islands, with Michael Rosen
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope Paul Gambaccini sees Wes Craven's *Vampire in Brooklyn*, starring Eddie Murphy
4.45 Short Story: Phoenix Rising, by Daphne Glazer. Read by Judith Barker (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Masterbrain. Robert Robinson chairs a special challenge match featuring the winners and runners-up of the 1995 *Brain of Britain* and *Mastermind* competitions (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face The Facts
7.45 Your Place or Mine? See Choice (3/6)
8.15 Diverging Dominions. Kim Campbell talks with fellow Canadians, including the present Prime Minister Jean Chretien, about the pressure for self determinationin their home country (3/3)
9.00 Attacking the Organisation. Peter Day presents an investigation into how far organisations can afford to take people's feelings into account (3/4) (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Next of Kin. Joanna Trollope's novel read by Robin Ellis (8/10).
11.00 A Square of One's Own. A comedy by Ivan Shakespeare. With Niall Ashdown, Matthew Bell, Joana Brookes, Chris Emmett, Sally Grace, Nick Hardy, Toby Longworth and Sarah Parkinson (2/4)
11.30 We Know Everything (FM only) (6/6) (r)
11.30-12.00 Today in Parliament (LW only)
11.45 Elastic Planet (FM only). Ben Moor's comedy (6/6) (r)
12.00 News Incl **12.27am** approx Weather **12.30 The Late Book: The Stone Diaries,** by Carol Shields (8/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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Did you see the one about the secretaries?

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

When I was little, there was a game I played with a friend. We called it "Slave". She would sit still (reading a book, possibly) and shout random commands such as, "Get me a glass of water", "Peel me a grape" and "Where's my diary?", while I ran around worriedly trying to keep up. After ten minutes of this torture, I would burst into tears and say "I've just remembered, I hate this game", and thus demonstrate to the world that when I grew up I would never be an ideal PA.

For, in last night's first **I'll Just See If He's In** (BBC2), a real-life boss called Simon sat at his desk and yelled in precisely the same larky manner to his secretary, Caroline, in the next room. And it wasn't a game. "Caroline, get me a glass of water!" he called, without stirring his bum from his executive swivel. "Where's my diary, Caroline?" he inquired, without looking for it. And Caroline, a tall, well-dressed woman of supreme good temperament, said she cared so much about him in return that she would protect Simon "to the death". Talk about mummy and baby. A man evidently wrenched from the teat prematurely, Simon phoned his secretary constantly when out of the office: in fact, he phoned her from the corridor, the stairwell, the car park, and the car (from which he could also wave).

I'll Just See If He's In is the sort of telly people talk about next morning: and for all broadcasters this criterion is surely the only one worth serving. Simon and Caroline were the undoubted stars of last night's first instalment, yet who can forget Julia and Bernie — harassed, posh charity exec ruled by grim, blonde dominatrix? "What have you done with that?" Bernie demanded of Julia (her boss), inquiring after an important document. "Have you taken that in?" she barked, after a briefing. Julia pluckily kept her spirits up under this interrogation, but was always relieved to dash for a taxi, and escape. When Julia re-entered the building, spies would phone the news direct to Gestapo HQ, presumably so that Bernie could be ready with another list of accusations. Of course, this early warning system might equally serve a different, unthinkable function — as Bernie stubbed out her fag, slid her feet off the desk, and hid her well-thumbed Next Directory in the bin.

Elsewhere last night, the documentaries were perfectly adequate but less remarkable. For **Network First** (ITV), Yorkshire Television had made *Miss Popular's Crack City*, about a prostitute in Nottingham whose drug addiction was unlikely to be conquered. Well made and beautifully filmed, it followed the eponymous Miss Popular (real name Karen) through a few months of doing nothing in particular, and also tracked the fortunes of Wendy, a childlike blonde 16-year-old, likewise a prostitute and crack addict.

This was clearly intended as a real-life *Band of Gold* — with Karen as Rose, and Wendy as Tracey. In fact, a Carol had likewise been lined up in the form of black Joanna, but something evidently went wrong with the plans here, because twice the narrator, Bill Paterson, informed us that Joanna "could not be identified for legal reasons", and she was left in shadow. Attention focused on a local organisation called Cat — the Crack Awareness Team — where addicts could go for advice. But though it was a fairly intimate portrait, it was obviously not the whole story. Where were the pimps? Where were the crack dealers? We all know it's not only failed willpower that prevents these women changing their lives.

Meanwhile, BBC1's latest foray into uniform is **Flying Soldiers**, and, as you might expect, they go up-diddly-up-up and they go down-diddly-down-down. I wish I could dredge up more enthusiasm, but apart from congratulating the producer on locating a yet untapped branch of the Services — the Army Air Corps — it's difficult to throttle sufficiently here to get airborne. Whom did we meet last night? Well, just guess. We met a humble corporal called Michael and a Sandhurst-trained lieutenant called Andy. Michael had a hard time mastering the landings, but he managed in the end. Hooray. (Big drama, or what?)

To be fair, the aerial photography is executed with great skill. And to be honest, there are five more weeks to go. But I can't help wondering why a series commencing transmission in May 1996 should begin with the caption "February 1994" as though that was normal. Assuming that the course was a year long, it has still taken 15 months for *Flying Soldiers* to reach the screen. Perhaps Molly Dineen's series last year (plus the awful *Redcaps*) added up to squaddie saturation, and *Flying Soldiers* was postponed in its own interests. But it still seems odd.

Finally, get those hankies out. Arthur Fowler died last night in **EastEnders** (BBC1), and if I could represent teardrops typographically on this printed page I would do it. Big blobs. Smears. Puckered circles. Wet bits. "Why don't we sit down," the hospital doctor said to Pauline. "I'm afraid I've got some bad news." Wendy Richard looked stunned and bit her thumb thoughtfully, while glancing to the left (a personal way of indicating great distress). And then she saw Arthur's body, and held his hand, and cried "Oh Arthur!", and oh, oh, oh, it was *awful*. Arthur was really dead! Elsewhere in the storylines, all the other couples cooed like doves, just to rub it in. Poor Pauline! Poor Arthur! Poor Mark! Since the day Bill Treacher announced his intended departure, Arthur's death has taken a full 18 months to occur. But in the end, it was too soon, oh Lord, too soon.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (14822)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (32483)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax and signing) (4237919)

9.20 Style Counsel. Jeff Banks hosts the makeover show (s) (7333280)

9.45 Kilroy (s) (6667822)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) (83879)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1643990)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (s) (5885822)

12.35 Going for Gold with the entertaining Henry Kelly (s) (4202342)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (39342)

1.30 Regional News and weather (62562716)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (69090629)

2.00 Snowy River — the McGregor Saga with Olivia Newton-John (r) (s) (92261)

3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (2302261) **3.50 The Silver Brumby** (s) (2313377) **4.15 Funnybones** (r) (s) (2067990) **4.20 Jonny Briggs** (r) (Ceefax) (3825754) **4.35 Rugrats** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2608006) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (7067938) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (6909445)

5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (705648)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (919)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (241)

7.00 Small Talk. Ronnie Corbett presents the show in which adults must second-guess the workings of a child's mind (Ceefax) (s) (7261)

7.30 Here and Now. Includes Mark Easton reporting on the German Panzer division which is leaving its base in Pembroke where it has been stationed since 1961 (Ceefax) (s) (483)

8.00 Casualty: Under the Weather. Hospital drama series. An adventure in a storm drain for two young boys leads to disaster (r) (Ceefax) (s) (342303)

8.50 Points of View. Members of the public air their views. With Anne Robinson (Ceefax) (s) (162445)

9.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6754)

9.30 Madson. In the last of the series, a long-overdue confrontation with DI Rourke reveals who really killed Madson's wife. With Ian McShane, Joanna Kanska and Matthew Marsh (Ceefax) (s) (224483)

10.20 CHOICE **QED: Brave Hearts** (Ceefax) (s) (171087)

11.10 Barry Norman at the Cannes Film Festival. A report on the films, film-makers, their guests and the publicity stunts all jostling for attention at the most famous international film festival in the calendar. This year's offerings include work from Stephen Frears, Bernardo Bertolucci, Spike Lee and Mike Leigh (Ceefax) (s) (746735)

11.50 FILM: Prey of the Chameleon (1991) starring Daphne Zuniga, James Wilder and Alexandra Paul. A serial killer is on the loose. When a young man comes to the aid of a woman stranded by the roadside, he is unaware that he may be the next victim. Directed by Tex Fuller (Ceefax) (289193)

1.15am Weather (9467548)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Calculus (7915280) **6.25** Equilibrium Rules OK? (7901087) **6.50** Crime and Punishment (5927280)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4322648)

7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (20648) **8.00 Activ-8** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7073754) **8.25 Wishing** (r) (s) (5041667) **8.40 The Record** (s) (8542629)

9.05 Daytime on Two: Lifeschool Extra (s) (5848464) **9.35 Showcase** (s) (5301613) **9.45 Words and Pictures** (s) (5494377) ***10.00 Playdays*** (r) (s) (2998483) **10.25 Numbertime** (s) (2018280) **10.40 Jeunes Francophones** (s) (1196700) **11.00 Teaching Today** (s) (4532) **11.30 The Shape of the World** (s) (3969648) **12.05pm Lifeschool Extra** (s) (7858919) **12.30 Working Lunch** (48193) **1.00 Geography Programme** (s) (65784990) **1.20 Zig Zag: Danger Detectors** (s) (65775006) **1.45 Come Outside** (r) (s) (62572193)

2.00 Wishing (r) (s) (44492613)

2.10 Wartime Weddings (r) (44594025)

2.20 Racing from Goodwood (276025)

3.55 News (Ceefax) and weather (6721990)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (984) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (396) **5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (s) (4220483)

5.40 Carrier's Caribbean (501919)

5.55 Global Warning (s) (422464)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (Ceefax) (s) (163025)

6.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (r) (278716)

7.30 CHOICE **East: Happy Families?** (Ceefax) (s) (975)

8.00 More Rhodes around Britain. Gary Rhodes, in Orkney, cooks ox-cheek stew with caramelised shallots and clapshot, a local favourite, swede and potato puree (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4551)

8.30 Home Front. This week, Tessa Shaw looks at houses made from natural materials and discovers the qualities of environmentally friendly houses made from oak. The Walshes get to work repairing an original Victorian tiled floor (Ceefax) (s) (8218)

Alan Titchmarsh at Chelsea (9.00pm)

9.00 Chelsea Flower Show 1996. Alan Titchmarsh guides us around the world's most famous flower show, including a visit to the designer gardens. Gordon Rae, the director of the Royal Horticultural Society, goes behind the scenes to witness the build-up to the show (230483)

9.50 CHOICE ***Postcards from the Country:* The Welsh Valley — Out of the Ashes** (Ceefax) (s) (730939)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (879377)

11.15 Murder One (r) (Ceefax) (s) (381342)

12.00 The Midnight Hour with Andrew Neil (s) (11897)

12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

East: Happy Families?
BBC2, 7.30pm

While British law only allows a man one wife at a time, under the Islamic code he can marry up to four women. Some of Britain's Muslims are taking advantage of this concession, prompting *East* to assess the pros and cons. Supporters of polygamy include an American professor, Philip Kilbride, who reckons it could help to reduce the incidence of divorce and reduce the number of single-parent families. The idea also appeals to Lord Bath as an alternative to taking mistresses, of which he has had more than 60 at the latest count. Muslim families with more than one wife discuss their experiences, sometimes frivolously. One thrice-wed husband complains of having to cope with three mothers-in-law. The case against polygamy is put by a university lecturer, Dr Haleh Afshar, who says that it simply enhances male domination.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A British camera team posing as economic researchers goes undercover in the Amazon rainforest to expose an illegal trade in mahogany. Taking timber from native Indian reserves is a threat to the tribespeople and the environment. The practice is forbidden by the Brazilian Constitution and by Aimex, the international timber association. But the programme, based on secret filming over a year, shows that Aimex members are flouting the agreement and the Brazilian authorities turning a blind eye. The timber is felled in the Indian reserves by small local companies. By marking the wood with ultraviolet ink, the camera team is able to track its progress as it is sold on to bigger companies and taken to a port to be shipped abroad. *Britain is one of the most important markets for the illicit timber.*

Postcards From the Country
BBC2, 9.50pm

Richard Mabey's film about the Rhondda Valley provides his series on changing rural Britain with its strongest entry so far. A century ago this area of South Wales was pastureland running with sheep and dotted with oak woods. Coalmining transformed the scene completely. Fresh air was replaced by coaldust and dangerous journeys to the pitface. Then the mines closed and the valleys are green again. The trouble is that the jobs vanished with the pits. The pit ponies now take tourists for rides, spoil heaps sprout trees and former miners black their faces before guiding visitors through a museum. There is still much nostalgia for the old days, mixed with bitter memories of an unforgiving industry. The Aberfan disaster, when a coaltip fell on a school killing 144 people, still brings a chill.

QED: Brave Hearts
BBC1, 10.20pm

Yet another medical programme, you may groan, but there is a good excuse. The opening film of a new series of *QED* follows the first British patients to undergo a radical form of heart surgery. The pioneer of the treatment is Dr Randas Batista, a Brazilian who combines a career as a surgeon with cattle ranching. He hit on his technique when examining the hearts of farm animals. It involves removing large chunks of heart *muscle and goes against medical orthodoxy* by cutting directly into the left ventricle, the main pumping chamber to the heart. Batista has split medical opinion. After visiting him in Brazil, Professor Gianni Angelini from Bristol Royal Infirmary is convinced. But as he prepares to operate on four elderly men with heart failure, he admits he could be taking a gamble.

Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (8860862)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (7245071)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2975532)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (6227209)

10.35 This Morning (50642803)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1649174)

12.30 News and Weather (Teletext) (4301667)

12.55 Shortland Street (4386358)

1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (1602209)

2.00 Home and Away (19560735)

2.25 Dr Quinn: Medicine Woman (7833261)

3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (7694006)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7693377)

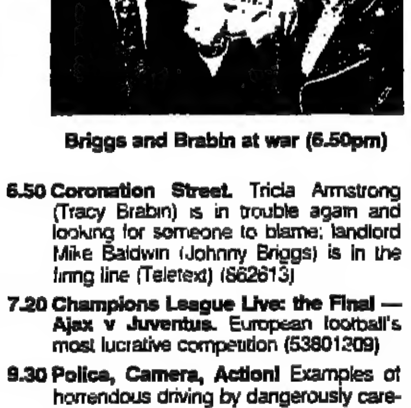
3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (1596247) ***3.40 Wizadora*** (r) (s) (1031358) **3.50 Britt Allcroft's Magic Adventures of Mumfie** (r) (s) (6934303) **4.05 Garfield and Friends** (6226342) **4.10 The Adventures of Captain Zeelig** (s) (6641700) **4.40 Spellbinder** (Teletext) (s) (2072822)

5.10 A Country Practice (9569919)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (598445)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (794193)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (888006)



Briggs and Brabin at war (6.50pm)

6.50 Coronation Street. Tricia Armstrong (Tracy Brabin) is in trouble again and looking for someone to blame; landlord Mike Baldwin (Johnny Briggs) is in the firing line (Teletext) (862613)

7.20 Champions League Live: the Final — Ajax v Juventus. European football's most lucrative competition (53801209)

9.30 Police, Camera, Action! Examples of horrendous driving by dangerously careless motorists. Presented by Alastair Stewart (r) (Teletext) (s) (55483)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (15377)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (436209)

10.40 Short Story Cinema: Session Man (s) (891648)

11.10 Euro 96 Countdown. More football. Bob Wilson is joined by Ray Wilkins and, from Rome via a satellite link-up, Newcastle *United manager Kevin Keegan to face the* questions put by a studio audience (s) (664532)

12.10 God's Gift (7578101)

1.10 Dear Nick (2126236)

2.10 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (2772014)

2.40 FILM: Dreamer. (1979) with Tim *Matheson and Susan Blakely. An ex-pin* boy at a small town bowling alley becomes obsessed with winning the national championship. Directed by Noel Nosseck (118120)

4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (56304)

5.00 Cover Story (s) (31507)

5.30 Morning News (82192)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:

6.25pm-6.50 Wales Tonight (888006)

10.40-11.10 Something Strange (891648)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.25-12.30 My Story (1657193)

12.55 Coronation Street (4386358)

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (31042261)

1.55 Home and Away (39324174)

2.25 Brief Encounters (19563822)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (6337006)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9569919)

6.00-6.50 Westcountry Live (141803)

10.40-11.10 Power Game (891648)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (4386358)

1.25 Cross Wits (31042261)

1.55 A Country Practice (69097532)

2.20 Right or Wrong (19564551)

2.50-3.20 Our House (2188551)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9569919)

6.25-6.50 Central News and Weather (888006)

10.40 Euro 96 Countdown (982290)

11.40 Phoenix (749342)

12.40am Bushell on the Box (3110965)

1.10 God's Gift (2126236)

2.10 Dear Nick Agony uncle advice series (9780168)

3.05 In Focus (2867168)

3.50 Jobfinder (2639491)

5.20 Asian Eye (3713120)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm Coronation Street (4386358)

1.25 Home and Away (31042261)

1.55 Shortland Street (69097532)

2.20 Murder, She Wrote (7834990)

3.15-3.20 Three Minutes — Your Story (7697193)

5.10 Home and Away (9569919)

5.37-5.40 Three Minutes — Freescreen (439754)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (885919)

6.20-6.50 Animal Country (607613)

10.40-11.10 The Road Show (891648)

5.00am Freescreen (31507)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 Sharky and George (5931483) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (25193) **9.00 The Golden Girls** (25754) **9.30 Ysgolion: Le Petit Monde de Pierre** (5484990) **9.45 Book Box** (5489445) **10.00 Stage Two Science** (2928613) **10.15 Equinox Plus** (4629822) **11.10 Schools at Work** (4971261) **11.15 The Mix** (9169193) **11.30 Rat-a-Tat-Tat** (7695174) **11.45 The Score** (7690629) **12.00 House to House** (35290) **12.30pm Wowser** (33261) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (28280) **1.30 Terrytoons** (81139377) **1.35 Film: Tess of the Storm Country** (92852803) **3.10 The Montel Williams Show** (6386803) **4.00 Secrets of the Moor** (280) **4.30 Classic Trucks** (464) **5.00 5 Pump: Steil** (9025990) **5.15 5 Pump: Ffeil** (7062483) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (716) **6.00 Newyddion** (150735) **6.15 Heno** (598342) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (755713) **7.25 Portreadau: Dr Tudur** (230716) **8.00 Hawlio** (6919) **8.30 Newyddion** (8754) **9.00 Encounters: The Titanics Lost Sister** (7735) **10.00 Brookside** (13919) **10.30 E.R.** (88613) **11.30 Cybill** (85087) **12.00 Nightsports** (5025675)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Sharky and George (r) (5931483)

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12.00 House to House (35290) **12.30pm Sesame Street** (r) (24716) **1.30 Madeline** (r) (s) (39347025)

1.55 Stealing Home (62485613)

2.10 FILM: The President's Lady (1953, b/w) with Charlton Heston and Susan Hayward. A biopic of America's seventh President, Andrew Jackson, seen through the eyes of his wife. Directed by Henry Levin. (Teletext) (455445)

4.00 Secrets of the Moor (Teletext) (280) **4.30 Fifteen to One** (Teletext) (s) (464) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (Teletext) (s) (1641280) **5.45 Terrytoons** (595358)

6.00 Blossom. (r) (Teletext) (s) (792735)

6.25 Home Improvement (Teletext) (s) (700754)

6.55 Murun Buchstansangur (467342)

7.00 Channel 4 News (771731)

7.55 The Slot (224984)

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (6919)

8.30 Scrimpers. (2/4) Ray Brooks and Rick Ball meet people around the country who make things out of old items and for minimal cost (r) (Teletext) (s) (8754)

9.00 CHOICE **Dispatches.** Exposing an illegal trade in mahogany (Teletext) (581629)

Animation by Nick Park (9.45pm)

9.45 Four-Mations: Great British Animation. *War Story*, directed by Peter Lord, animates an interview with Bill Perry who talks about his wartime experiences as an air raid warden. The Oscar-winning *Creature Comforts*, directed by Nick Park, also draws on real-life interviews, mixing unscripted comments on their experiences of living in the United Kingdom with the activities of animated inhabitants of a zoo (r) (Teletext) (s) (327006)

10.00 ER. Jeanie's husband thinks he has flu, but the diagnosis is more serious (Teletext) (s) (2602)

11.00 Friends (r) (Teletext) (s) (1209)

11.30 Cheers. When Norm lands a new job at a prestigious accountancy firm he overstates his importance in front of his pals in the bar (r) (Teletext) (s) (85087)

12.00 Nightsports. Gary Imlach presents the through-the-night sports feast. The guests include Geoffrey Boycott. Live action is the Major League Baseball game between Houston Astros and the St Louis Cardinals (s) (32615). Ends at **6.00am**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (54629) **9.00** Press Your Luck (8368367) **9.20** Love Connection (9455754) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (4221754) **10.40** Jeopardy! (9629919) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (3760280) **12.00** Beechy (72174) **1.00pm** Hotel (81822) **2.00** Geraldo (42396) **3.00** Court TV (1006) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (3952939) **4.15** Undun (7105445) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2358) **6.00** The Simpsons (2209) **6.30** Jeopardy! (6261) **7.00** LAPD (3087) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2445) **8.00** Space: Above and Beyond (28377) **9.00** The Outer Limits (35612) **10.00** Murder One (279700) **12.30am** Star Trek (87633) **1.30** Late Show with David Letterman (5942526) **2.15** Hit Mix Long Play (59686651)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
9.30am Destinations (31629) **10.30** ABC Nightline (43456) **1.30pm** CBS News (70332) **2.30** Parliament (29025) **3.30** Destinations (4667) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (80236) **7.30** Sportsline (25483) **8.30** Newsmaker (6964) **11.30** CBS News (79445) **12.30am** ABC News (87615) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (90120) **2.30** Newsmaker (29217) **3.30** Sky Destinations (24762) **4.30** CBS News (46897) **5.30** ABC World News (26120)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1939) (49280) **8.00 Destination Moon (1950)** (73648) **10.00 Freefall: Flight 174 (1993)** (97453) **12.00 Harper Valley PTA (1978)** (43071) **2.00pm Sky Riders (1976)** (25097) **4.00 Shattered Vows (1984)** (1535) **6.00 Freefall: Flight 174 (1993)** (7613) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (74613) **8.00 Alistair Maclean's Death Train (1994)** (17261) **10.00 Even Cowgirls Get the Blues (1994)** (895551) **11.40 Pleasure in Paradise (1993)** (823561) **1.05 PCU (1994)** (8587578) **2.25 The Star Chamber (1983)** (505507) **4.10 Harper Valley PTA (1978)** (596830)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Buona Sera, Mrs Campbell (1968) (98230) **6.00 The Mouse That Roared (1959)** (94358) **8.00 The Appaloosa (1966)** (99603) **10.00 A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984)** (403993) **11.40 Sometimes a Great Notion (1971)** (736629) **1.35am-3.10 Rasputin — the Mad Monk (1966)** (899897)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Crack Up (1946) (47822) **8.00 The Snow Queen (1993)** (24990) **10.00 Kings of the Sun (1963)** (95025) **12.00 Smiley Gets a Gun (1958)** (41613) **2.00pm Cloak and Dagger (1984)** (23822) **4.00 The Snow Queen (1993)** (8532) **6.00 Children of the Dark (1994)** (10358) **8.00 Greedy (1994)** (15803) **10.00 Clear and Present Danger (1994)** (71219629) **12.25am Short Cuts (1993)** (95561014) **3.30 High Art (1991)** (855878)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am The Muppet Babies (92298552) **6.30** Ducktales (36635280) **7.00** Quack Attack (87440613) **7.30** Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (87532648) **8.00** Darkwing Duck (50353532) **8.30** Wonderland (50352803) **9.00** Lamb Chop's Play-along! (50376483) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (54917261) **10.00** The Muppet Babies (36626532) ***10.30 Welcome to Pooh Corner*** (50372667) **11.00** Under the Umbrella Tree (97776716) **11.30** Dumbo's Circus (97777445) **12.00** Walt Disney Presents (54834984) **1.00pm** Pablo and the Dancing Chihuahua (92215209) **2.30** Sing Me a Story with Belle (45368193) **3.00** Ducktales (47357261) **3.30** Quack Attack (45390938) **4.00** Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (45379445) **4.30** Darkwing Duck (45375629) **5.00** Boy Meets World (47357280) ***5.30 Danger Bay*** (45399209) **6.00** Tarzan (45369822) **6.30** Dinosaurs (45370174) **7.00** Sinbad (47544716) **7.30** Flipper (26210396) **8.30** Voyager (85002754) **9.30-10.00** Dinosaurs (54636613)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Athletics (91939) **9.00** Football (21648) **10.00** Eurofun (81209) ***10.30*** Basketball (25613) **11.00** Live Tennis: ATP Tour World Team Cup from Dusseldorf, Germany (8551716) **4.00pm** Rally Raid (38280) **5.00** Motors (38025) **6.30** Formula 1 (8613) **7.00** Tractor Pulling (65551) **8.00** Prime Time Boxing Special (79071) **9.00** Kick Boxing (62735) **10.00** Karate (65822) **11.00** Tennis (46209) **11.30-12.30am** Karting (19087)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Ski! Sailing (70349) **7.30** Wrestling (96006) **8.30** Racing (23209) **9.00** Aerobics (98731) **9.30** World of Speed and Beauty (43651) **10.00** Golf Championship: Europe Semi-finals and Final (30667) **12.00** Aerobics (27025) **12.30pm** Rugby: Super 12's Semi-finals One and Two (292551) **3.30** Finish Line (6209) **4.00** NASCAR Super Trucks (47984) **5.00** Wrestling (5174) **6.00** Sports Centre (296629) **6.05** PGA Tour (564700) **6.30** Ski! Sailing (6445) **7.00** Saracens and Newcastle — Live (16483) **9.00** The Pavilion End: Texaco Trophy Preview (77667) **10.00** Sports Centre (113025) **10.15** Asian Football (619087) **11.15** PGA Tour (116629) **11.45** Sports Unlimited (434342) **12.45am** Ski! Sailing (491791) **1.15** The Pavilion End: Texaco Trophy Preview (458236) **2.15-2.30** Sports Centre (2117255)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Second Innings (7973280) **10.30** World Cup Classics: Brazil v England 1970 (6178667) **12.00-1.00am** Barry McGuigan (4951946)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kids TV **4.30** Chronicles of Revival with Rodney Howard Browne **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Tea **6.15** This is Your Day with Benny Hinn **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (9156551) **7.55** As the World Turns (2186984) **8.50** Peyton Place (7408936) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (1246353) ***10.10-11.00*** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (6452716) **11.30** Sky Destinations (6453445) **12.00** Dive Programmes (7070551) **12.30pm** Round the Oz (3128716) **1.00** Caravan (5787464) **1.30** Around the World in 80 Minutes (3154087) **2.00** Great Scenic Journeys (4360193) **2.30** Discovering Israel (9436667) **3.00** Globetrotter (4376700) **3.30-4.00** Around the World (3384984)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The Great Days of the Century (6476396) **5.00** Hollywood (4063360) **6.00-7.00** Biography: Sherlock Holmes (3143735)

Harrison Ford gets into danger (Movie Channel, 10.00pm)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm Battlestar Galactica (9317396) **8.00** FILM: When Worlds Collide (7383919) **9.30** Robotech (3148280) **10.00** Close (6410353) **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (9817675) **2.00** FILM: Daughters of Satan (2912014) **3.30-4.00** Scifi Buzz (4283120)

TLC

9.00am Simply Painting (1428551) **9.30** Grow with Joe (7450174) ***10.00 Dogs with*** Dunbar (5347087) **10.30** This Old House with Steve and Norm (1424735) **11.00** Homemaker (6996716) **11.30** Craftwise (6937445) **12.00** Julia Child (1415087) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (7454950) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (7295483) **1.30** Furniture to Go (7453261) **2.00** Our House (1533342) **2.30** The Garden Show (1629629) ***3.00 It's a Vet's Life*** (1641377) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (1664174)

UK GOLD

7.00am Pentagchost (7192342) **7.30** Neighbours (7384377) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1414355) **8.30** EastEnders (1413629) **9.00** The Bill (1437209) **9.30** The Sullivans (7456532) **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7273261) **11.00** Bullseye (6998174) **11.30** Gibbsnsh (7111464) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (55027735) **12.30** Neighbours (7463648) **1.00** EastEnders (5837464) **1.35** Sykes (7509880) **2.15** Home James (7499667) **2.50** Sorry! (9807342) **3.30** The Bill (1666532) **4.00** Minder (6912754) **5.00** Every Second Counts (7417822) **5.45** 'Allo 'Allo! (6915754) **6.25** EastEnders (4976280) **7.00** Morecambe and Wise (2763613) **8.00** Bullseye (1644484) **8.30** Sorry! (1550071) **9.00** Campaign (2865025) **10.00** The Bill (4499445) **10.35** Top of the Pops (8161174) **11.25** Mackenzie (9328261) **12.30** FILM: Tarzan the Ape Man (3500946) **2.20-3.30** Shopping (58330149)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (54990) **6.30** Degrassi Junior High (72822) **7.00** Ready or Not (11209) **7.30** California Dreams (90716) **8.00** Byker Grove (46174) **8.30** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (45445) **9.00** Pink Panther (69025) **9.30** Garfield and Friends (72087) **10.00** Eek the Cat (63174) **10.30** Creepy Crawlers (65209) **11.00** Casper and Friends (63990) **11.30** Dinobabies (71919) **12.00** Tiny TCC (49261) **12.30pm** Tiny TCC (96006) **1.30** Sesame Street (97735) **2.30** Tiny TCC (8822) **3.00** Eek the Cat (1280) **3.30** Pink Panther (3957) **4.00** California Dreams (9174) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (5358)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Dungeons and Dragons (18174) **6.30** Galaxy High (63803) **7.00** Mr Men (4639919) **7.05** Teenage Turtles (3983629) **7.45** Rugrats (5492377) **8.00** Doug (4170629) **8.15** Monsters (4186280) **8.30** Rocko's Modern Life (14551) **9.00** Biker Mice (98713) **9.30** Pet Shop (41193) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (5042006) **10.05** Bananas in Pyjamas (5041377) **10.10** Babar (9372532) **10.35** Topsy and Tim (7995613) **10.40** Barney (7098754) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (7097025) **10.50** Banans in Pyjamas (7078990) **11.00** Children's BBC (99716) **12.00** Magic Bus (25667) **12.30pm** Grimmy (52209) **1.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (93532) **1.30** Visionaries (44280) **2.00** Pet Shop (3629) **2.30** Children's BBC (69613) **3.30** Mighty Max (7551) **4.00** Santo Bugito (3358) **4.30** Rugrats (4986629) **4.45** Doug (4801984) **5.00** Sister Sister (7209) **5.30** Clarissa (6822) **6.00** Alex Mack (3735) **6.30-7.00** Afraid of the Dark? (4087)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (1683209) **4.30** *Nature/Nature* (1672193) ***5.00 The Wildest*** *of Tribes* (1632629) **6.00** Lifeboat (1660358) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (5741445) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (1673822) **8.00** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (1642006) **8.30** Ghosthunters (1558613) **9.00** Unexplained (2863667) **10.00** Best of British (2866754) **11.00-12.00** The Dinosaurs! (7272532)

BRAVO

12.00 Robin Hood (1339613) **12.30pm** William Tell (7458716) **1.00** Jason King (7373071) **2.00** Honey West (1659396) **2.30** It's Garry Shandling's Show (1689483) **3.00** The Saint (6995087) **4.00** FILM: That Sinking Feeling (1649919) **6.00** Robin Hood (1584984) **6.30** UFO (5665071) **7.30** Automan (6377990) **9.00** Gossip (6903006) **9.30-12.00** FILM: The Tamarind Seed (9999822)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Different Strokes (7445) **7.30** Entertainment (5311) **8.00** Benson (6193) **8.30** Wings (2700) **9.00** Soap (47938) **9.30** Taxi (32445) **10.00** Entertainment (26396) **10.30** Spool-O-Vision (33700) **12.30am** Soap (41588) **1.00** Taxi (92255) **1.30** Laverne and Shirley (14753) **2.00** Entertainment (42566) **2.30** Frontline — Series II *(15781) **3.00-4.00** Nightstand (33859)*

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (8167754) **7.00** Esther (5842648) **7.30** Young and Restless (5576700) **8.30** Gardeners' World (6118716) **9.00** Delia Smith (6764087) **9.35** Kate and Allie (7561862) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (5252006) **10.05** Jerry Springer (2459838) **11.00** Young and Restless (7917358) **11.55** Brookside (6614280) **12.30pm** Dangerous Women (6734321) **1.20** Catchword (9369938) **2.00** Agony Hour (5840700) **3.00** Live at Three (8104629) **4.00** Infatuation Uk (9439613) **4.30** Crosswits (2817025) **5.05** Lingo (15560984) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (9522377) **6.00** Bewitched (9512990) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (3223464) **7.05** Brookside (3958006) ***7.35 The Joker's Wild*** (7390025) **8.00** Street Legal (1509700) **9.00** FILM: A Cry in the Night (72317803) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (8447261) **11.00-12.00** The Erogenous Zone (5851396)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Road to Avonlea (2532) **6.00** Batman (9551) **6.30** Catchphrase (3713) **7.00** A Word in Your Ear (3261) **7.30** The Fall Guy (81087) **8.30** Home to Roost (8716) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: No More Dying Then (11025) **10.00** Round the World Treasure Hunt (18984) **11.00** Neon Rider (97629) **12.00** The Fall Guy (46491) **1.00am** Batman (21781) **1.30** All Together Now (52149) **2.00** Big Brother Jake (49762) **2.30** Neon Rider (18149) **3.30** All Together Now (59149) **4.00-5.00** Road to Avonlea (26566)

MTV

7.30am Smashing Pumpkins Rockumentary (92174) **8.00** Morning Mix Featuring Cinematic (100006) **11.00** European Top 20 (91862) **12.00** Greatest Hits (97396) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (86025) **3.00** Select MTV (77193) **4.00** Hanging Out (36006) **5.30** Dial MTV (1396) **6.00** Soap Dish (8209) **6.30** Rolling Stones Jump Back (2261) **7.00** Greatest Hits by Year (11071) **8.00** MTV Special (67349) **9.00** Meat Loaf Rockumentary (89984) **9.30** Amour (99919) **10.30** The Head (69396) **11.00** Unplugged with the Cranberries (99087) **12.00** Videos (4015236) **5.00am** Awake on the Wildside (35656)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (9117975) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (5339993) **11.00** Music Fast *(5462936) **12.00** Heart and Soul (3156209)* **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (3132629) **2.00** Ten of the Best: Lorraine Kelly (1634385) **3.00** Into the Music (5875919) **6.00** Happy Hour (3145193) **7.00** VH-1 for You (9319754) **8.00** Wednesday Review (9395174) **9.00** Ten of the Best: Nashville '96 (9315938) **10.00** The Vinyl Years (9318025) **11.00** Tommy Vance is the Nightfly (4871342) **1.00am** Ten of the Best (9819033) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am to 7pm on satellite, 24 hours on cable,** including **5pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6pm-7pm** Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (86232984) **7.30** Asian Morning (28671087) **8.30** Zee Presents (47612648) **9.00** Kagaar Bou (47523700) **9.30** Hit Thi Hit Hai (57829261) **10.00** Urdu Serial: Hissar (86313803) **11.00** Manasi (18968087) **11.30** Sa Re Ga Ma (17229006) **12.30pm** Bunyaad (57830377) **1.00** Urdu FILM: Aane Aur Zindagi (95417385) **4.00** Zee Presents (18982667) **5.00** Zee Zone (19474377) **5.30** Film Deewane (59502716) **6.00** Campus (59509629) **6.30** Zee and U (59533209) **7.00** FLU (19381613) **7.30** Banegi Apni Baat (59512193) **8.00** News (19463261) **8.30** Daastaan (19482396) **9.00-12.00** Hindi FILM: Bheegi Palkein

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm San Francisco (1936) (67591919) **9.00 The Year of Living Dangerously (1982)** (32328990) **11.00 The Bad and the Beautiful (1952)** (33075700) **1.05am Blue Blood (1973)** (12944033) **2.40-5.00 The Year of Living Dangerously (1982)** (94423507)

CNN/QVC

CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel.

PERFORMANCE

7.00am Bob Wilber — A Tribute to Sidney Bechet **8.00** Aria **8.30** Don Giovanni Tenorio **10.00** Back in the USSR **12.00-1.00am** Art Blakey

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Illingworth may be brought to book

Illingworth: outspoken

By John Goodbody

RAYMOND ILLINGWORTH is facing disciplinary action by the Test and County Cricket Board after remarks made in his book, *One Man Committee*, which reopen his dispute with Devon Malcolm, the England fast bowler. Any action against him could hasten the end of his involvement with the national team. His contract as chairman of selectors finishes at the end of the season.

In another contentious episode in Illingworth's controversial two-year tenure, the TCCB is to examine criticisms of Malcolm, including the statement that the player did not display "any trace of the fight or spunk we were entitled to expect from a strike bowler". The TCCB has appointed Gerard Elias, QC, the chairman of the board's disciplinary committee, to decide whether Illingworth should face an investigative panel over the book, which is due to be published on June 13. Excerpts were yesterday published in a national newspaper.

In the book, Illingworth sums up his opinion of Malcolm by saying: "I think he tends to make too many excuses and gives the impression — rightly or wrongly — that he does not care sufficiently about anything." Illingworth says that the fast bowler "has wasted his time by having only half a career. He didn't want to listen and he will have to live with that — not me".

Technically, Illingworth was not required to send a draft of the book to the TCCB. Only players and umpires need to do that. However, TCCB regulations, governing confidentiality, derogatory statements and bringing the game into disrepute still apply to Illingworth once any book or article is in its final form.

Elias said: "The fact that he is not under contract does not affect the issue. Ray Illingworth is on a committee of the TCCB and, as such, he is subject to the disciplines of the board. The committee will read the book and take whatever action it deems necessary."

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In 1991, Chris Middleton, then the chairman of Derbyshire, was fined £750 for criticisms of Micky Stewart's private coaching of Malcolm while with England. As a result, Middleton resigned from the TCCB's disciplinary committee.

The TCCB yesterday confirmed that Illingworth had only submitted the book in its final form and not as a draft and therefore they had no chance to assess it before publication. Derbyshire, Malcolm's county, yesterday formally protested about Illingworth's attack on the England fast bowler. However, the TCCB officials said the action would have been taken even without Derbyshire's complaint.

Reg Taylor, the Derbyshire secretary said: "Lord's have told us that they will be looking at this seriously. You have a situation here where Devon is obviously picking himself off the ground after what happened in the winter. He was doing that successfully until yesterday afternoon and here we are once again with him having his feet knocked from under him."

Asked if Illingworth's position could be jeopardised, Taylor replied: "It is up to the board to decide if he can still do the job. I would be amazed if we did not have the support of other counties in our stance on this."

Illingworth and Malcolm had a series of public disagreements during the tour of South Africa last winter. Malcolm was blamed by Illingworth for costing his side defeat in the final Test in Cape Town by failing to dismiss Paul Adams, who went on to share a 73-run stand with Dave Richardson. In the article in *The Daily Express* yesterday, Illingworth said that when "he was asked the big question, he sank without displaying any trace of the fight and spunk we were entitled to expect from a strike bowler."

Malcolm, who then returned home while England stayed to play a series of one-day internationals, attacked Illingworth's treatment of him in the press. This unauthorised action ended with the bowler donating his newspaper article fee to charity following a Lord's inquiry.

Illingworth insisted that he was within his rights to express his views in the book, saying: "I do not think I have slagged anyone off in the book. I think I have been fair. I have simply used my right of reply to Devon. I have not had a chance to do that before."

Bishop in final attempt to avert club breakaway

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

THE nightmare scenario that has haunted English rugby union since the decision, last August, that the sport should accept professionalism, may become reality on Friday. The leading clubs have lost patience with the Rugby Football Union (RFU) leadership and the result could be a split, damaging not only to both sides but also to the game in the northern hemisphere.

Bill Bishop, the RFU president, has called an emergency meeting of his union's full committee at the Hilton Hotel in London, at which the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) is likely to make a presentation. If the committee, dominated by representatives of the counties, does not accept its case, then England's top 20 clubs are prepared to go their own way.

"Negotiations have dragged on and on and we feel we have to bring matters to a conclusion," Donald Kerr, the Epruc chairman, said yesterday. "We need to know where we stand for next season. We feel that Cliff Brittle is determined to force us to leave the union."

Brittle, elected chairman of the RFU executive committee only last January by an overwhelming majority of junior club representatives, has become the *bête noire* for Epruc. In discussions last week, both RFU and club negotiators made concessions in the hope of bringing the two factions together, only to find them vetoed by Brittle. At one stage last Friday, it was believed that agreement was in the offing over a competitive structure and contractual issues for next season, but such hopes proved over-optimistic.

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Bishop, who has acted as independent chairman in the most recent discussions, said: "I received a letter from the Epruc negotiating team, saying they had come to the end of the line and would recommend to their member clubs that they break away from the union."

Some clubs are already putting in place the mechanism that will take them away from a union to which they have been affiliated for more than a century. Draft constitutions, which will require the approval of club members, refer to the "union, body or organisation of which the club shall be a member", deleting specific reference to the RFU.

The clubs have always insisted that they do not seek a breakaway, which would be a costly extravagance and would cut them off from all the logistic support — administration, referees, development — that the RFU offers. "There is a spirit within the committee that might want the same thing as the clubs," one source said last night. "Everyone thinks this has gone on far too long and it's time decisions were made."

Should a breakaway occur, the RFU will not have solved the problem because there are other ambitious clubs outside the Epruc umbrella which will inevitably seek the same objectives unless some catastrophe overwhelms clubs such as Bath, Leicester and Harlequins as a result of their declaration of independence.

Those clubs, though, include all the present England team members, several of whom have agreed long-term contracts which hinge upon access to television money. If the clubs can offer what is, in effect, an England XV, they expect to be able to do business with the broadcasters, and possibly with the other home unions, who have become so exasperated with the RFU's own stance over television rights that they are on the verge of casting them out of the five nations' championship.

A strong, unified England is central to northern hemisphere rugby. If the clubs carry out their threat, the only likely winners are television interests, who could pluck any plums they wanted from organisations in desperate need of funding — and that includes the RFU with its £34 million debt on Twickenham.

Torrance drives over the water at the 5th in the big-money match with Montgomerie, his fellow Scot, yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Torrance ensures prosperous new year

By John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent

SAM TORRANCE and Colin Montgomerie, a brace of Scots, did a bit of forward planning at The Oxfordshire yesterday afternoon and consequently have settled their arrangements for the next Hogmanay.

As a result of beating Montgomerie by 3 and 1 in the final of the European regional qualifying competition for the Andersen Consulting world championship of golf, Torrance will be competing in Arizona over the new year. Montgomerie will be free to go first-footing at his home in Oxshott, Surrey, or Scotland.

Torrance often roams the fairways with his head down, as if looking for something. Yesterday, he found it. A professional for more than a quarter of a century, his biggest win hitherto had been just in excess of £100,000. Yet, after winning three matches in two days here, he earned, as near as no matter, £200,000 and the chance to increase it to nearly £700,000 if he is successful in the United States.

Little wonder that he was wearing a smile as broad as the Clyde.

Last year, Montgomerie and Torrance fought tooth and nail for the order of merit before Montgomerie triumphed with the last stroke of the final event of the year.

Torrance's victory here was some compensation for losing out then and also a feather in his cap. He played very tidily, not necessarily good strokeplay golf but very good matchplay golf. Having struck three decisive blows, on the 7th, 8th and 9th, which he covered with an eagle and two birdies to move to three up, Torrance hit a beautiful chip to save par and gain a half on the 11th. This stopped Montgomerie from cutting the lead to one hole.

Torrance: largest prize

Montgomerie won the 16th with a par, but Torrance administered the *coup de grâce* on the 17th. This was where the 500 spectators wanted the deed to be done, because they wanted to see how the two men would play the hole that, in the past week, has had every score from three to 13, except 12, registered on it.

Montgomerie's second shot was the better, played with his feet below the ball from a fluffy lie across the water, but then Torrance hit a beautiful pitch through the wind to within a foot and Montgomerie failed to sink his putt.

"I didn't play well," Montgomerie said. "I seemed to be hitting everything high and to the right. The game changed when I went birdie, par, par on the 7th, 8th and 9th and lost them all. Sam plays well on confidence. The worse I played, the better he played."

Montgomerie was not without compensation. He had earned himself £100,000, or more than £2,000 a hole for two days' work.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: S Torrance (Scot) bt M A Jiménez (Sp) 6 and 4; C Montgomerie (Scot) bt B Langer (Ger) 4 and 3. Final: Torrance bt Montgomerie 3 and 1.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 788

ACROSS
2 Overdrawn (2,3,3)
6 Place of incarceration (6)
8 Finally (2,4)
9 Muscular animal: type of clip (7)
10 Up and about (5)
12 *Light of the World* painter (6,4)
16 Fail in search (4,1,5)
18 Divided Asian peninsula (5)
20 Relieve itch (7)
21 Ill-will (6)
22 Possible choice (6)
23 Caller across Swiss valley (8)

DOWN
1 Square of toast in soup (7)
2 Involuntary wakefulness (8)
3 Hired killer *(slang)* (3,3)
4 Show a response (5)
5 Feeble-minded old man (6)
7 Successful by one's own efforts (4-4)
11 Strong, brave, and reliable (8)
13 Release the brakes *(nautical)* (2-6)
14 Rugby offence; consequential (effect) (5-2)
15 Scanty (clothes) (6)
17 Naughty boy (6)
19 Mildly annoyed (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 787
ACROSS: 5 Cause célèbre 8 Almond 9 Versus 10 Soho 12 Subside 14 Matador 15 Oath 17 Stuart 18 Amoeba 20 Asphyxiation
DOWN: 1 Ecclesiastes 2 Judo 3 Fervour 4 Nebraska 6 Eddy 7 Round the bend 11 Hiawatha 13 Context 16 Java 19 Ovid

SOLUTION TO TIMES TWO CROSSWORD 783
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ACROSS: 1 Gush 3 Carbolic 8 Frontal 10 Sight 11 Word-perfect 13 Aplomb 15 Avenge 17 Evangelical 20 Haiku 21 Inertia 22 Dogberry 23 Phil

DOWN: 1 Gift-wrap 2 Scour 4 Allure 5 Baskerville 6 Lighten 7 Cute 9 Tape-measure 12 Keelhaul 14 Leering 16 Uglier 18 Catch 19 Chad

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Euro 96 coins enjoy royal approval

Andrew Longmore on a breakthrough for European championship merchandising

The Euro 96 merchandising operation has been granted the royal seal of approval. A £5 coin, circulated only in the Isle of Man, features a footballer and the Euro 96 logo on the obverse of the queen's effigy. Coin experts believe that this is the first time that the monarch has appeared on the flip side of a registered trademark on a coin used as legal tender.

The coin has been minted by Pobjoy Mint, official licensees of the Peter Rabbit and Star Trek trademarks, and is one of a number of produced for the European championship by the Surrey-based company, which has also won the license for Euro 96 commemorative coinage. The Isle of Man has its own coinage, but uses the head of the Queen in her official title as the Lord of Man. The £5 coin is common currency on the island. Another coin, a commemorative crown with Goaliath, the mascot for Euro 96, on one side and the Queen's head on the other, is also the first four-colour coin to be circulated in Gibraltar.

The company gained approval for its designs from Buckingham Palace, but some eyebrows have been raised at the commercial implications of the historic endorsement.

Attempts by the Royal Mint to produce its own commemorative £2 coin for the European championship in competition with Pobjoy led to a court case against ISL, the head licensor of Euro 96. ISL claimed that the coin contravened the licensing laws, but lost the case on the grounds that Euro 96 was not a wholly-owned subsidiary of Uefa, the governing body of European football. The £2 coin went into circulation at banks and post offices yesterday.

At Pobjoy Mint, a family firm that has become the largest private mint in Europe, the problems begin when the first football is kicked, on June 8. Emotionally, John Smith wants England to be the European champions, but business dictates a different victor. Germany is the biggest coin-collecting nation in Europe.

Gibraltar's colourful coin that celebrates Euro 96

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